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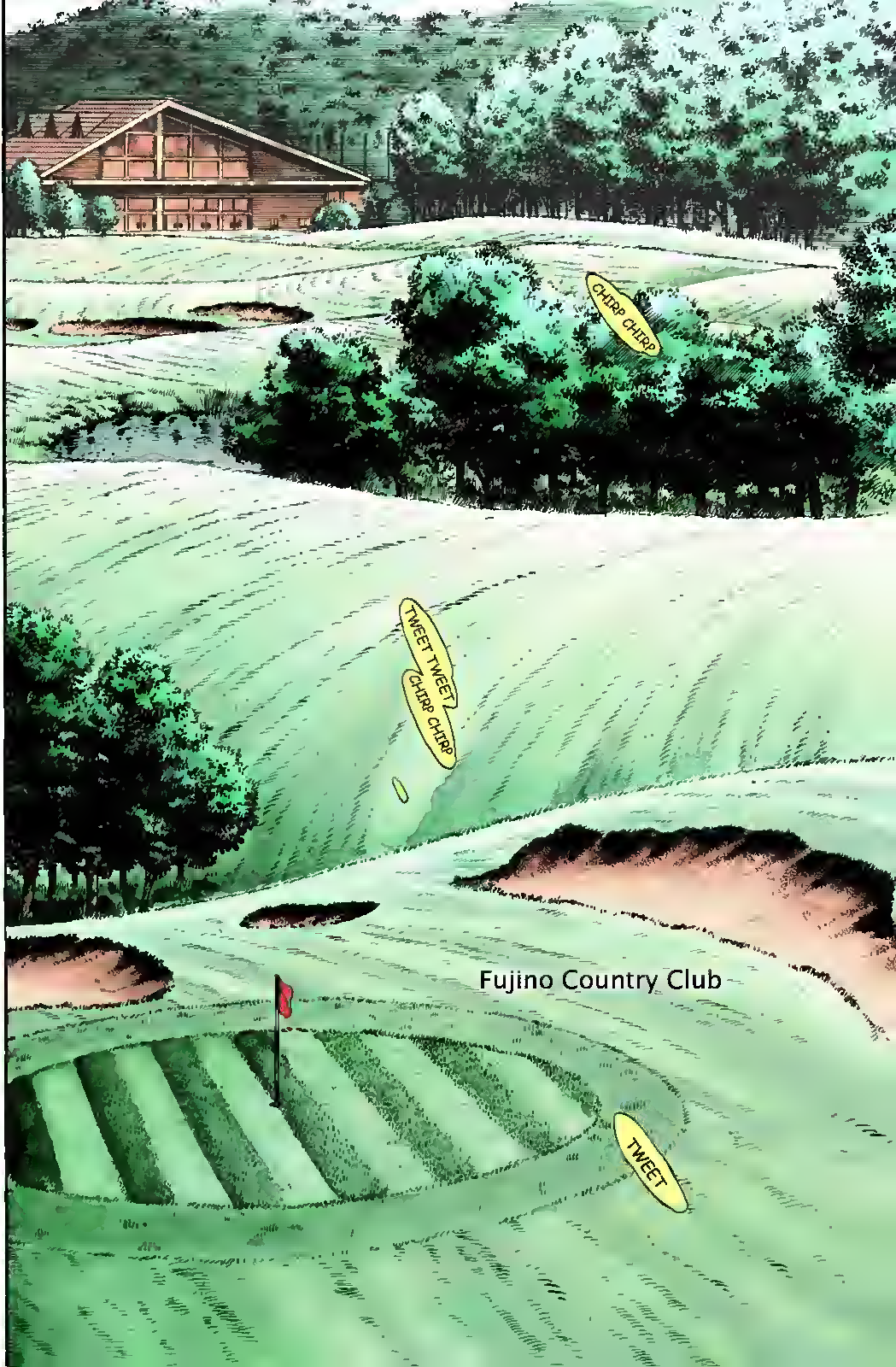
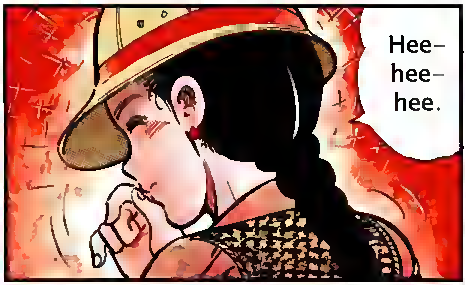

CHIRP CHIRP
TWEET TWEET
CHIRP CHIRP
Fujino Country Club
TWEET

THWACK
Nice shot!
CLAP CLAP
CRACK
SMACK
GRIN
Oh, thanks.
...

Hmph!
ポーン
ポーン
PONG
PONG
Hah!
ガッ
WHUMP
Ha ha
I wish I was better!
Oh...
Huh!?
Wow! A couple of crows right in front of you...!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hee-
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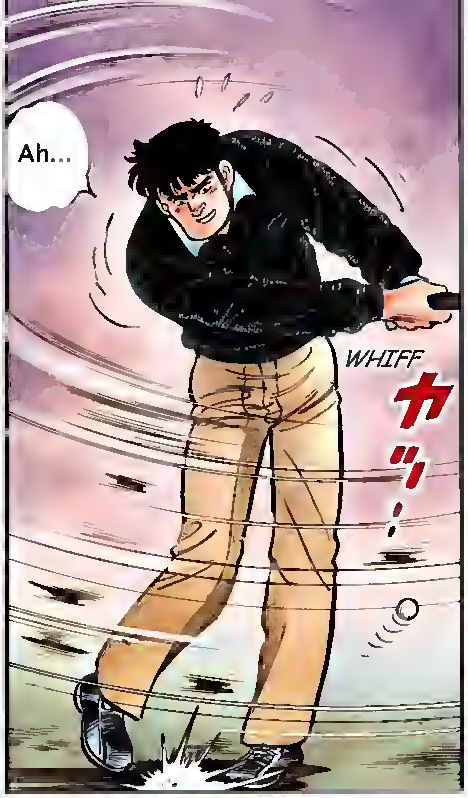
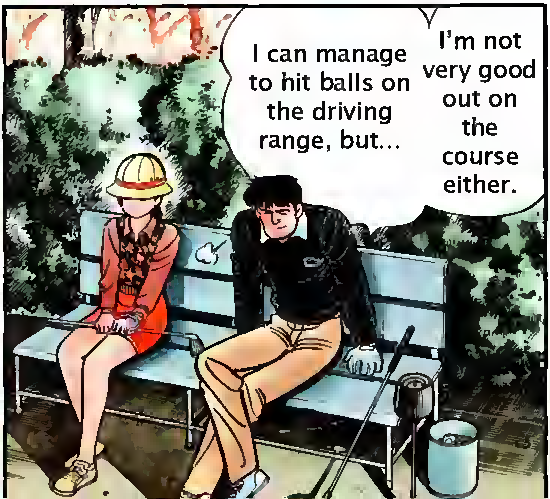
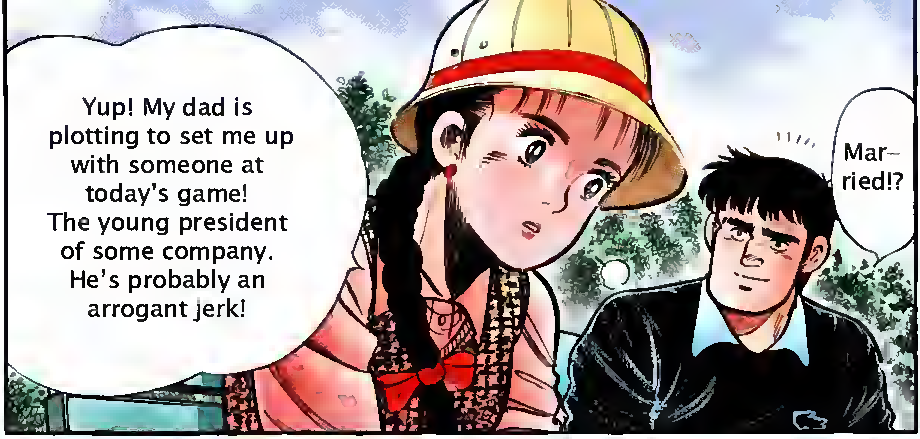

Ah...
WHIFF
カッ!!

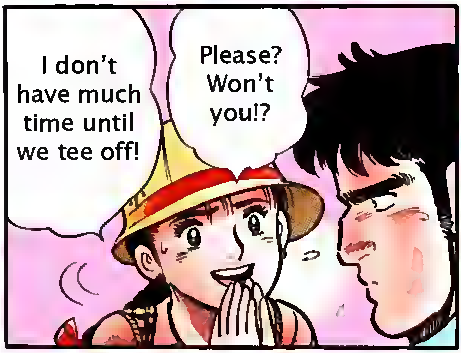
That was for laughing at me!
Psyche!

You did too!
I did not.
Yes you did! You laughed at me!
I didn't laugh.

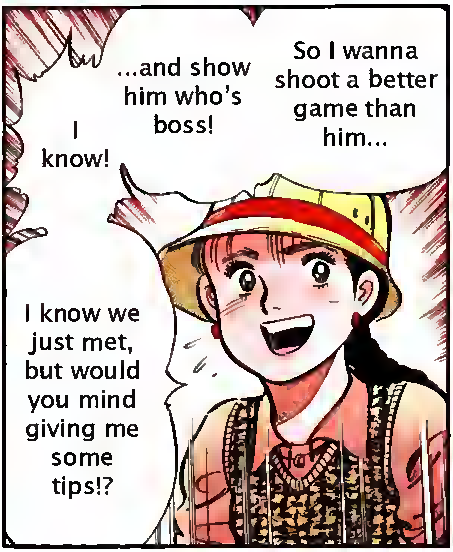
If I don't, I'll be forced to get married!
I want to get a good score on today's golf game no matter what!


I can manage to hit balls on the driving range, but...
I'm not very good out on the course either.


Yup! My dad is plotting to set me up with someone at today's game! The young president of some company. He's probably an arrogant jerk!
Mar–ried!?


I don't have much time until we tee off!
Please? Won't you!?

Uh ... Sure ...


I know!
...and show him who's boss!
So I wanna shoot a better game than him...
I know we just met, but would you mind giving me some tips!?

Young folks have no problems making friends...
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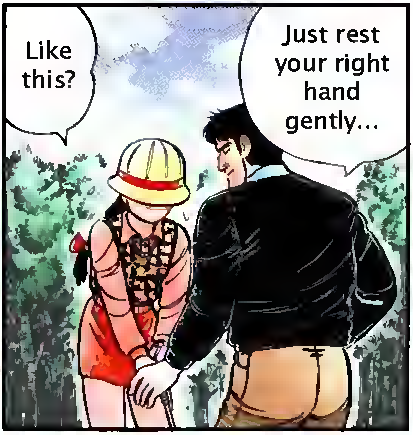
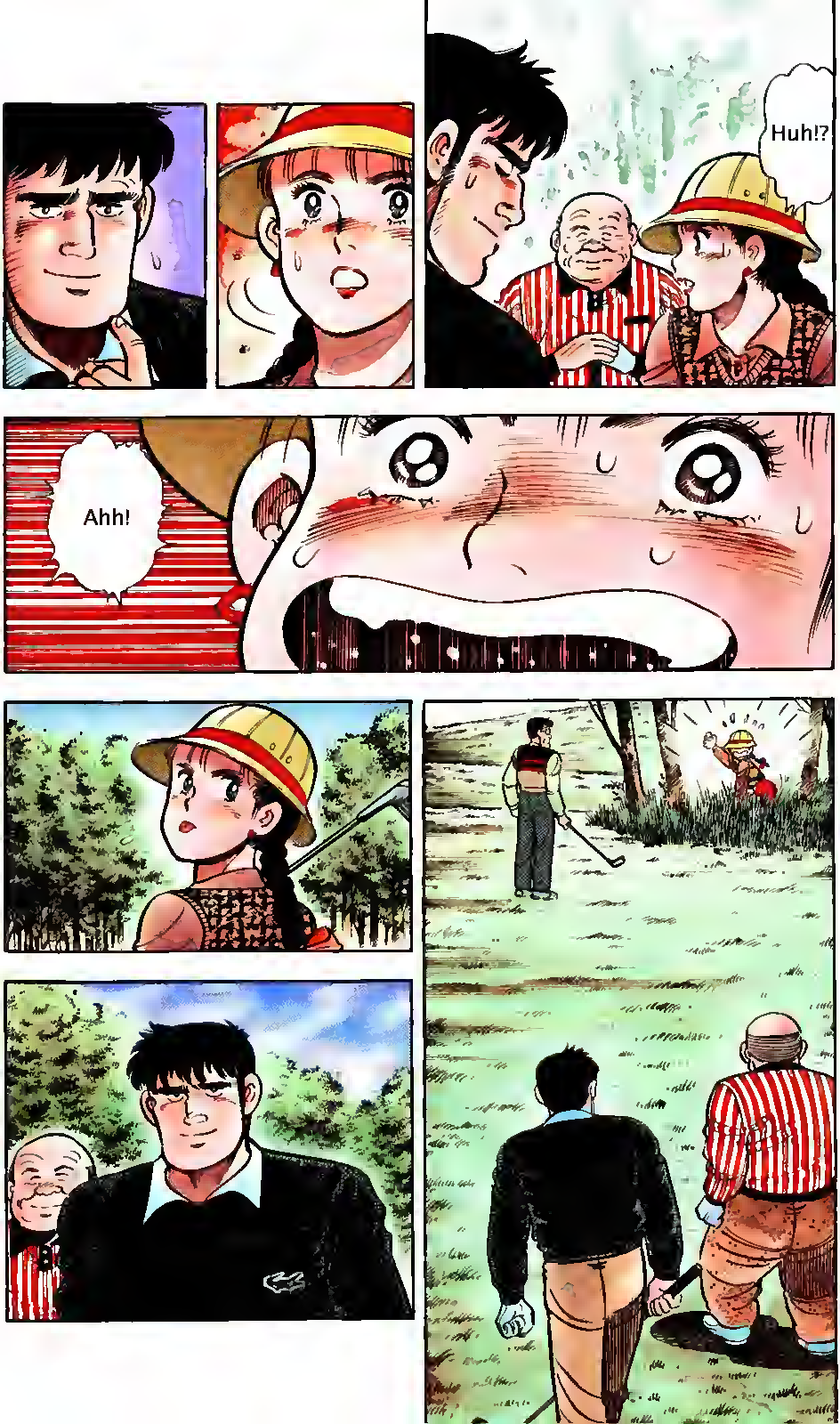
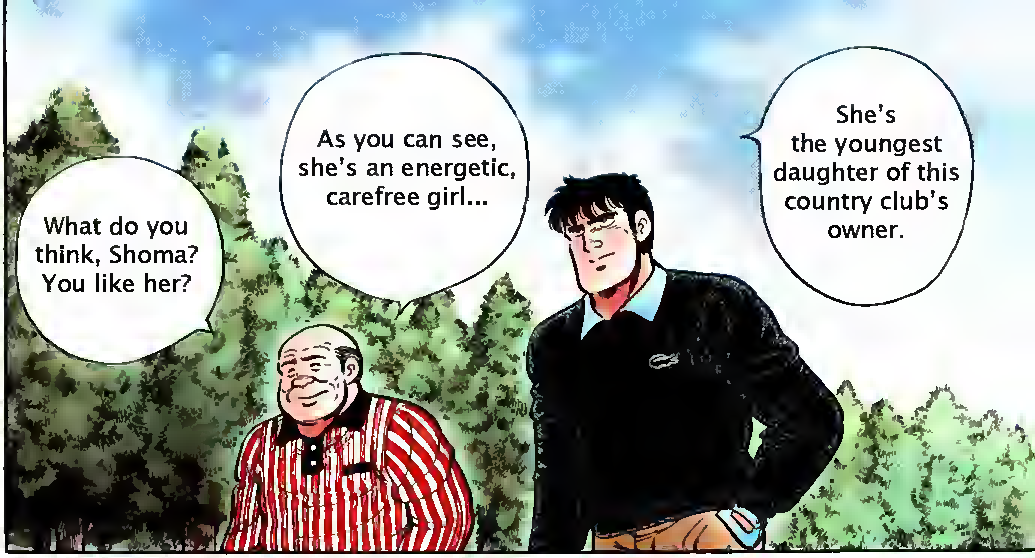
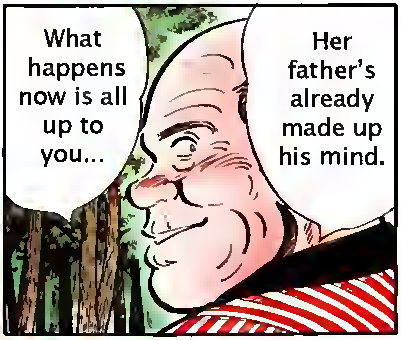
HA HA HA
...and they're already getting along fine.
Well well, we haven't even introduced them...


Like this?
Just rest your right hand gently...

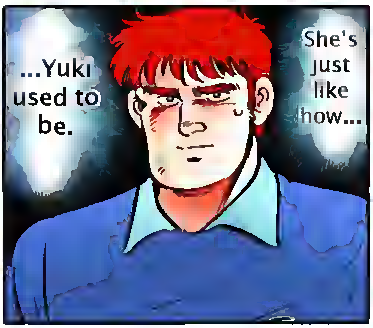

Huh!?
Ahh!

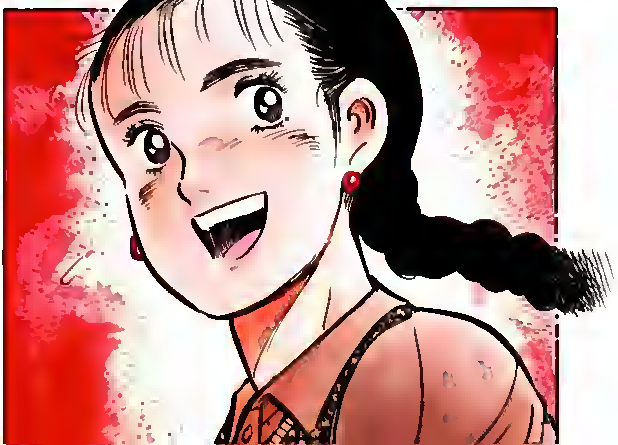

What do you think, Shoma? You like her?
As you can see, she's an energetic, carefree girl...
She's the youngest daughter of this country club's owner.

Shoma!
You think so...?


What happens now is all up to you...
Her father's already made up his mind.

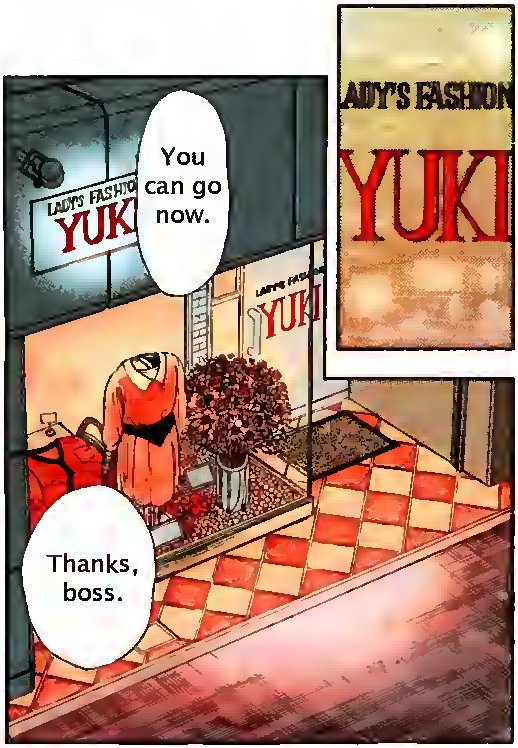
How radiant...
Ayako Fujino...


...Yuki used to be.
She's just like how...

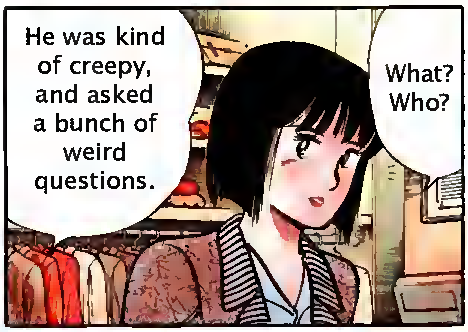


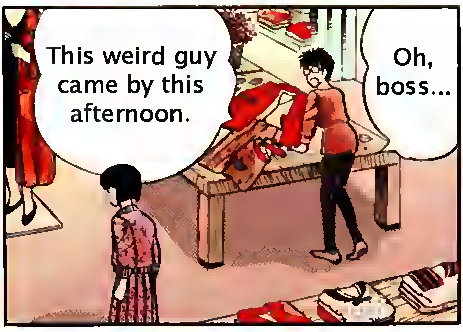
GRIN
STARE

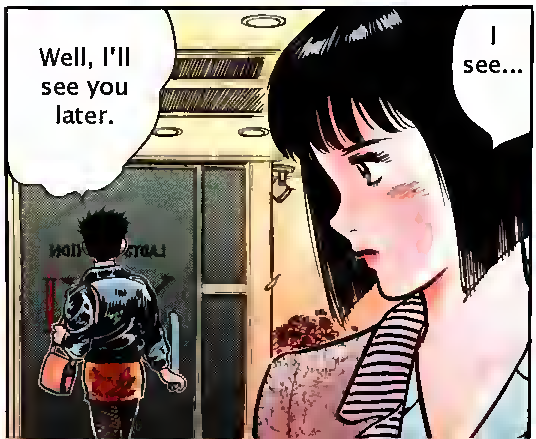
...with my own hands.
I want to pluck that radiance...


LADY'S FASHION
YUKI
You can go now.
Thanks, boss.

明大昭火災
光堂


He was kind of creepy, and asked a bunch of weird questions.
What? Who?


This weird guy came by this afternoon.
Oh, boss...

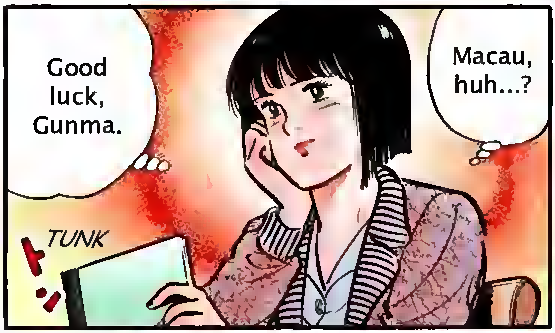

Well, I'll see you later.
I see...

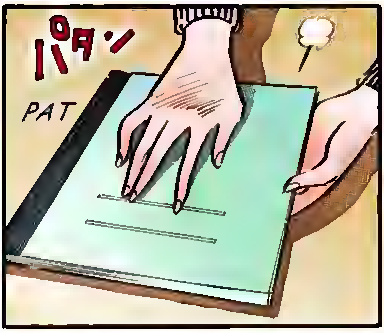
And a bunch of other stuff.
Is the store profitable, who handles the accounts, that kind of thing...

Was it Shoma?

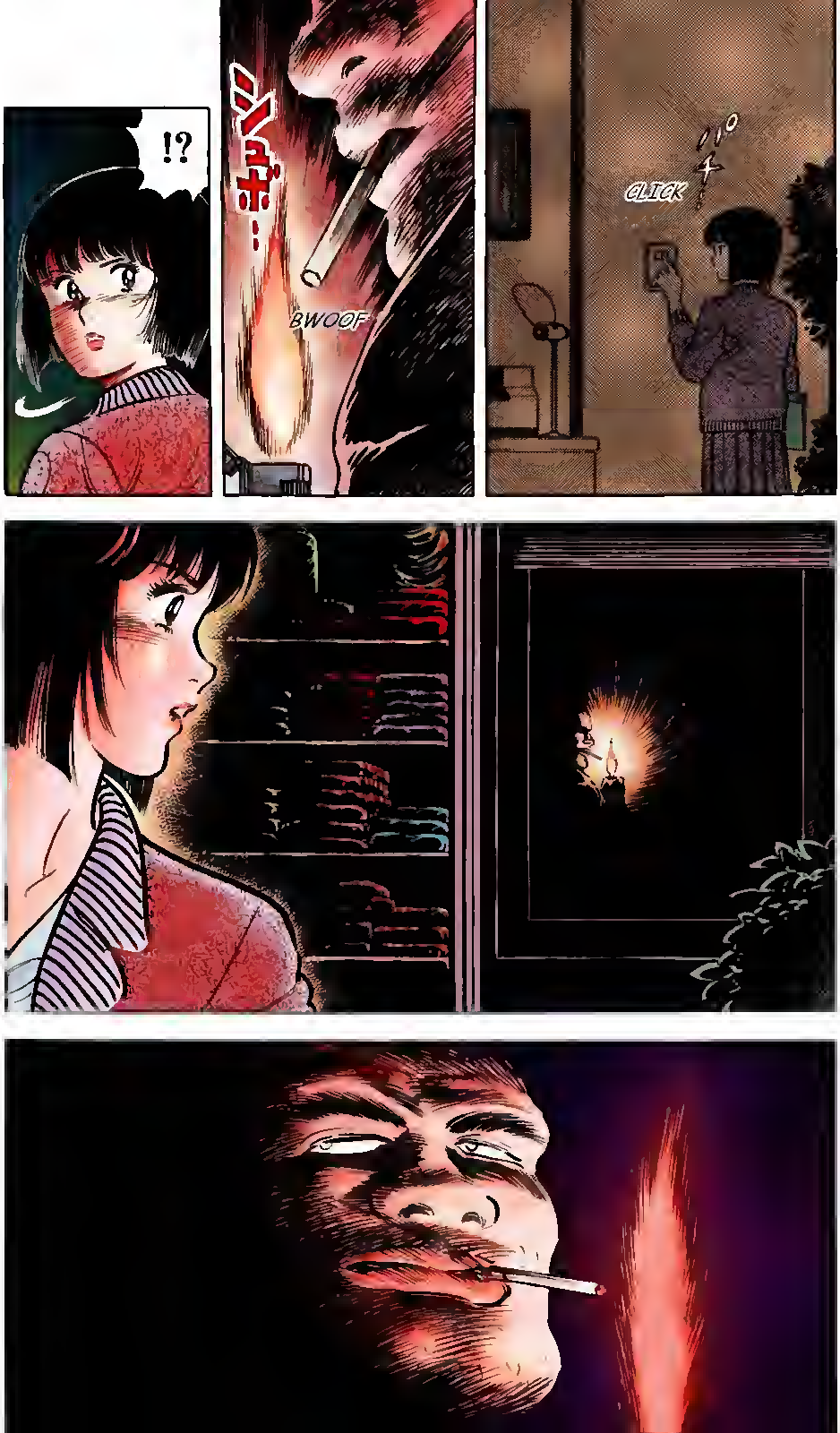
Who could it be...!?

It's not like you can do anything about me.
Whatever... Investigate all you want.

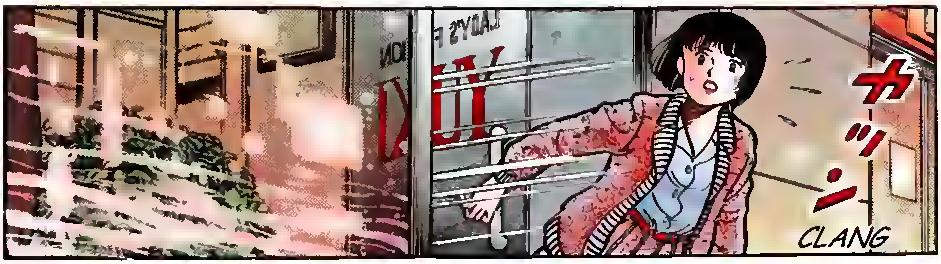

Good luck, Gunma.
Macau, huh...?
TUNK

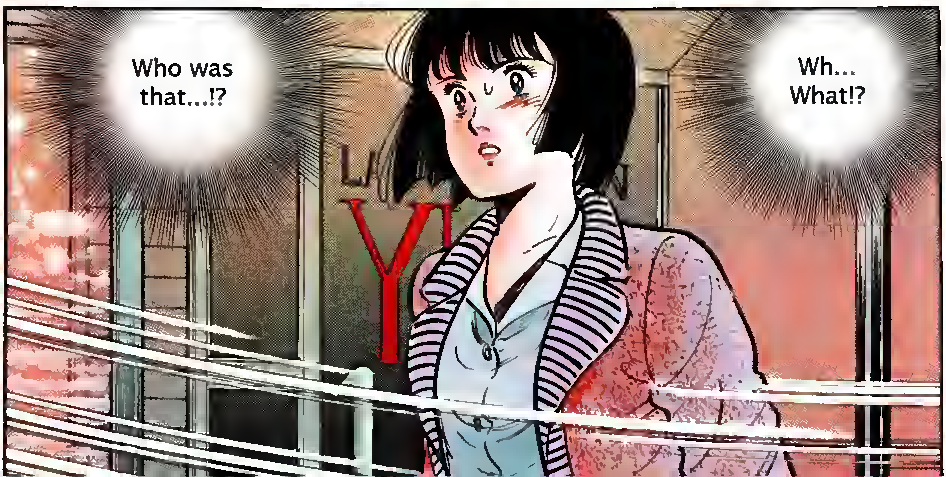

PAT

CLICK
CLICK

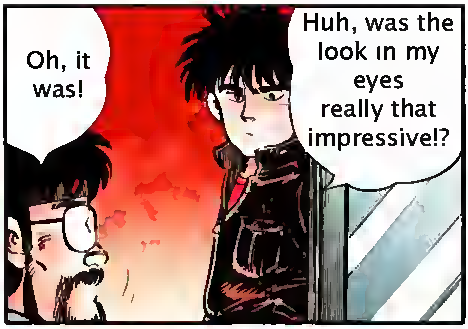

!?
ベキッ
BWOOF
CLICK

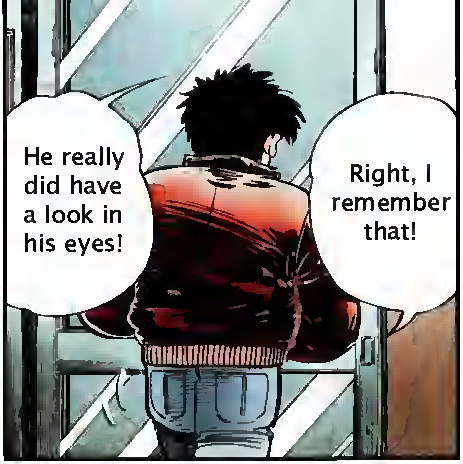
SWF

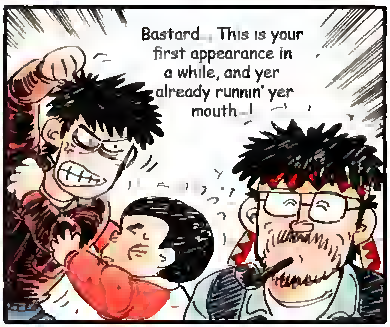

CLANG


Who was that...!?
Wh... What!?

Tomor-row...
When are you leaving?
You're going pretty early...
So, it's almost time for Macau...
DUNLOP
That's true, going early is a good idea if you can.
Macau is a race on public streets...
...and it's our first time overseas and all.
We wanted to get a good look at the course beforehand...
Yup.
I think you came in to look at a used FJ car...
You said then that you liked the look Gunma had in his eyes.
Tamotsu, you remember the day you first brought Gunma in here?
Ahh... This really brings me back.


Oh, it was!
Huh, was the look in my eyes really that impressive!?


He really did have a look in his eyes!
Right, I remember that!


Bastard... This is your first appearance in a while, and yer already runnin' yer mouth...!

It was the look of a sex offender about to assault his victim!

Heh. At the end of the day, the fastest one is in F1.
I'm only racing F3 out of obligation, that's all!

If you get first there, there is no arguing that you are the fastest man in the world of F3!
The participants are amazing, not just top F3 racers from around the world, but F1 racers too!
Listen, Gunma... Macau is awesome.
You'll be number one, man!

Once you get there, it's gonna blow your mind, Gunma!
Heh heh... Just you wait...
To Hijiri...
Yup, we'll be waiting...
I'll see you at the party tonight, then.
Is that really true about my eyes?
?
Hey, Tamotsu...

I mean, what that old man Morioka said...
...are these the eyes of a sex offender?
SPIN
I-I think your eyes look very gentle!
N-No, not at all! Mr. Morioka just says stuff like that sometimes.
THUMP
Waaah!
Really!?
Yup, really...
Phew ...

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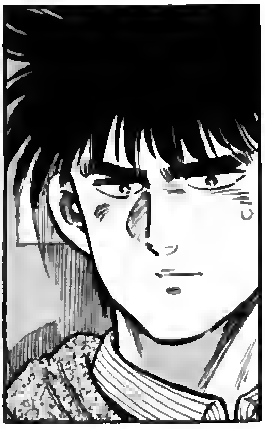
Chapter 2:
Land of the Sun

VEEEEEEEN

ゴォ――――…
VOOOOM
JAPAN AIR

ゴォォ…
VOOOM

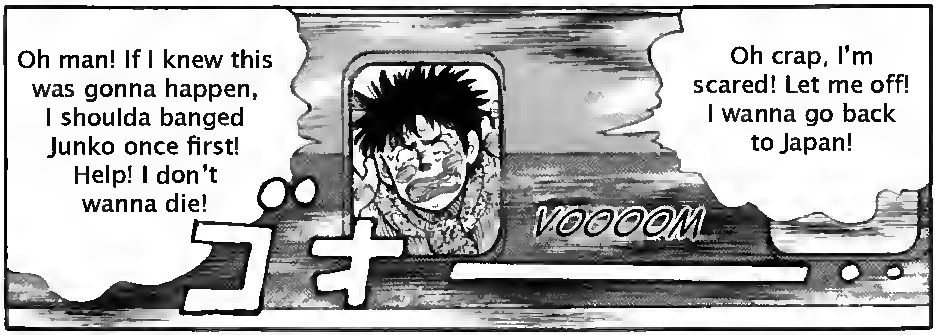
…
We're finally going to Macau, huh?



...?
...
...so we can go over the course real thorough...
Thanks to Mr. Kuroi, we have a lot of time until the preliminary...
Is it ' cause he's thinkin' about Mr. Hijiri...?
What's goin' on with him...? Since we got on the plane, he got all quiet and hasn't made a peep...
Of course, it made me lose any desire to go again...
No, no. Just went to watch.
Mr. Yasu, you've entered the Macau race before?
Five years since I've last been to Macau...
CRUSH
I didn't think I'd ever come again.
Being kinda fast in Japan just won't cut it in Macau... It was pathetic.
I was so angry at how slow the Japanese drivers were at that time.

Don't worry, Mr. Yasu, with Gunma...
Hey, lady, another beer over here!
But this time, we've entered as a team.
That's why I'm coming along! I'm gonna be part of the pit crew too!
I'll change tires or do whatever needs doin'!
I'm sure Gunma will make up for that shameful sight five years ago!
HEE HEE HEE
CRACK
Yeah, I know! I know all right...
Will you two shut yer mouths...?
We're freakin' flyin'!
Aren't you even a little scared!?
!?
Are... Aren't you scared...?
How can you be so re-laxed...?

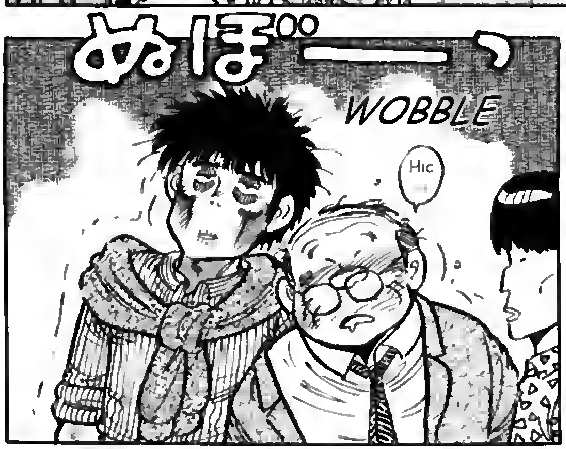
SLAM
Huh!? Don't you think it's weird that there are clouds below us!? Just what the hell is going on!?
H-How is it even floating in the air!? It's just a hunk of iron!
I-I've already pissed my pants three times over here!


Oh man! If I knew this was gonna happen, I shoulda banged Junko once first! Help! I don't wanna die!
ゴオ
VOOOOM
Oh crap, I'm scared! Let me off! I wanna go back to Japan!

Uh... You shouldn't drink so much, Mr. Yasu.
WAAH
WAAH
WAAH

JapanAsia
Hong Kong

WELCOME TO HONG KONG 歡迎遊覽香港


ぬぼ〜〜〜
WOBBLE
Hic

C'mon, hurry up.

...

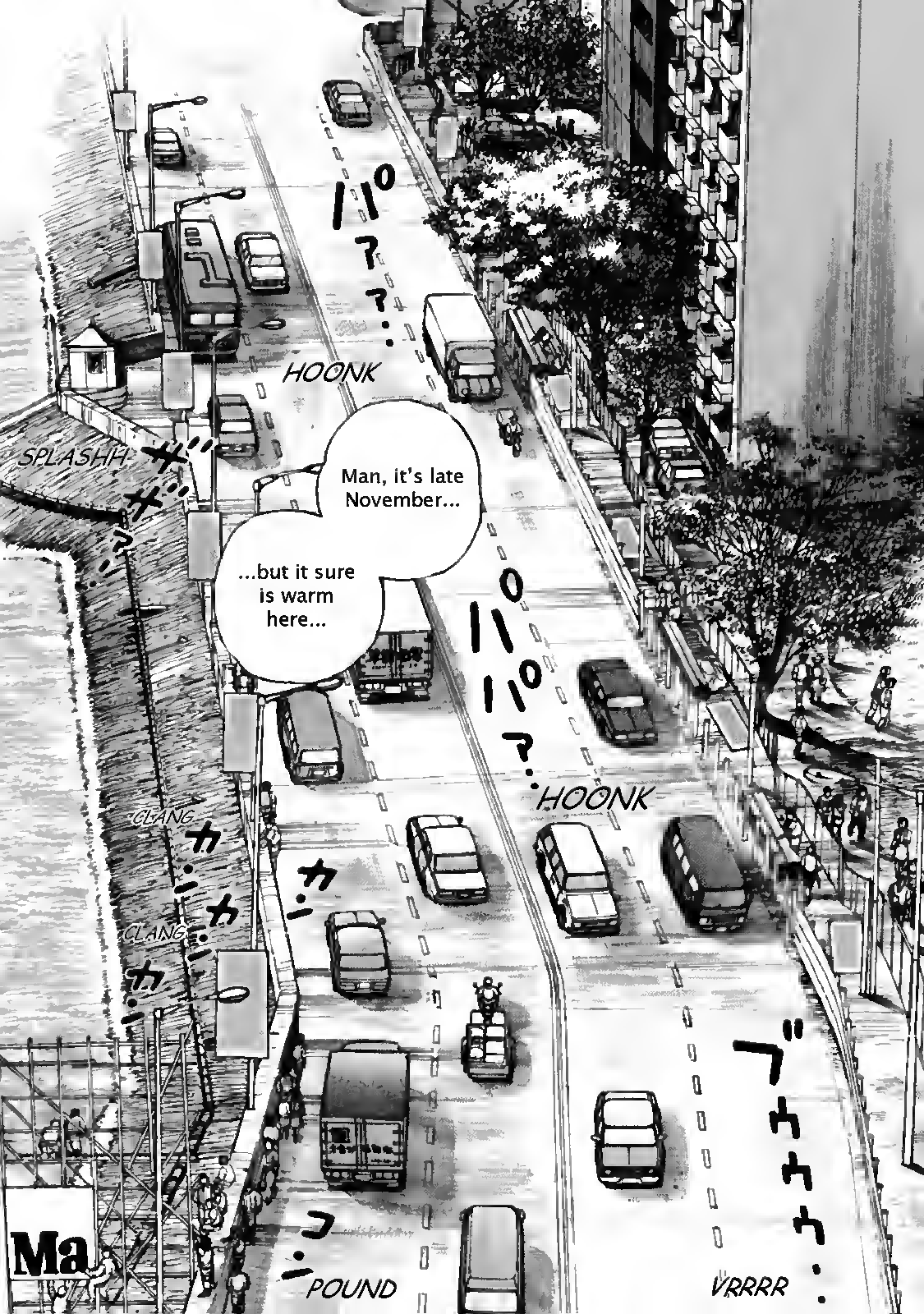
...
SNORE
We'll be in Macau in an hour.
We're going on the ferry now.
You wanted to race here so bad...
Mr. Hijiri... We've almost made it to Macau.

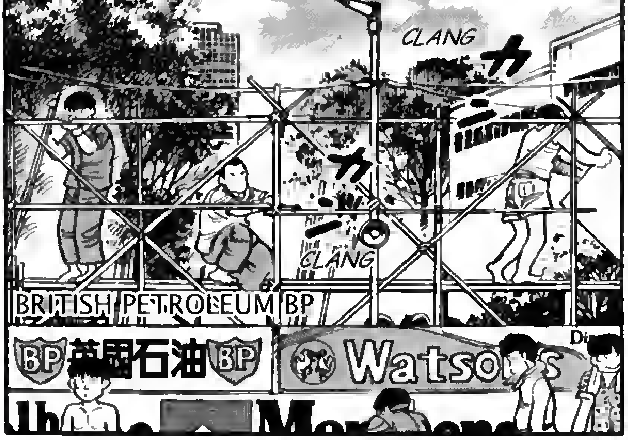
Hmm ...
His recent collapse must have made an impact on him...
It's strange. Yuma actually volunteered to go to the hospital.
He said if I was there worrying beside him, it would just put more stress on his heart.
No. He said he'd go alone!
Are you going with him?
I'll go too.
Wait, Yuma.
I'm going now, Mom.

Or is there some reason you don't want me to come?
...
Get in. I'll just drive you there.
It's fine, Dad! I'll go by myself!
SLAM
Well... N-no.
Good.
So, how are things on the campaign trail?
Ah, he needs to relax.
Shoma was complaining about how much money it costs...

Apparently Shoma's been introduced to a girl.
With Uncle Tatsu...!?
I heard Shoma's been hanging around with Uncle Tatsu lately.
Yuma, I don't remember raising you to be some loud mouth spreading rumors.
Shoma seems to really like this girl.
I heard him talking about it on the phone.
Uncle Tatsu...
Just giving you some info.
No matter how minor, all information is like vitamins to a businessman, right?
Contact Kasai.
He should be in the office.

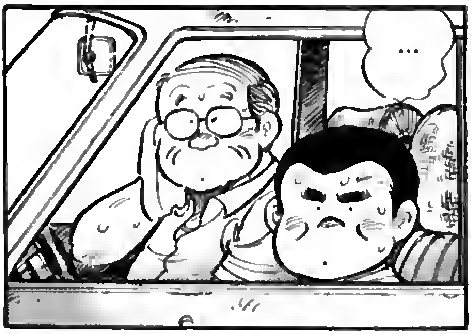
Kasai, make preparations for a trip. I'll be leaving today.
Yes, just a vacation, right...
Not alone, Yuma will be with me!
W... With me!?
W-Why so sudden... I haven't prepared anything to go on a trip...
And you go back to the office. Got it?
ニヤ-
GRIN
Why do you need so much luggage to go to the hospital?
What's in that bag then?
CLICK
VRRRR
All right...
Let's go to Macau for a change of pace...
!?
D-Dad!


HOONK
SPLASH!!
Man, it's late November...
...but it sure is warm here...
HOONK
CLANG
CLANG
POUND
VRRRR


CLANG
CLANG
BRITISH PETROLEUM BP
BP 英国石油 BP
Watsons

They're setting up for the Grand Prix everywhere!

Wait, stop for a bit.
We'll follow the course like this every day until the preliminaries!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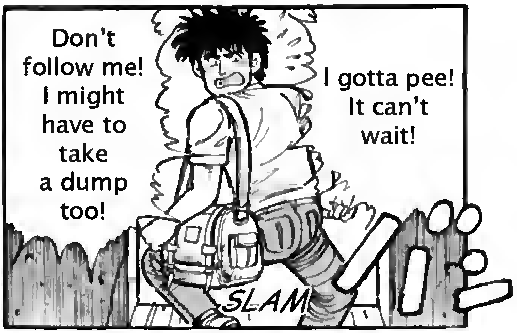
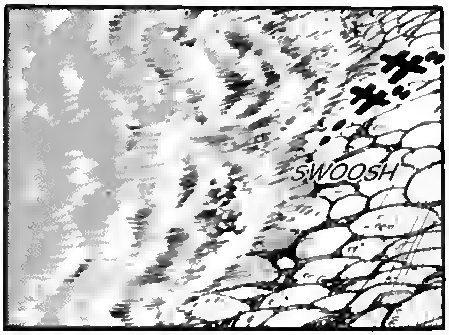

Don't follow me! I might have to take a dump too!
I gotta pee! It can't wait!
SLAM


SWOOSH

I Uh... it'll be fine...
Will he really be okay...? Is he going to give Japan a terrible reputation...?

SWOOSH
It's the Macau of your dreams...!
Take a good look, Hijiri...
NGK
ZZZIP

ザザザザ

SHWOOOSH

I'll bring you with me to the checker flag...!
TEA
Castrol
SWOOSH

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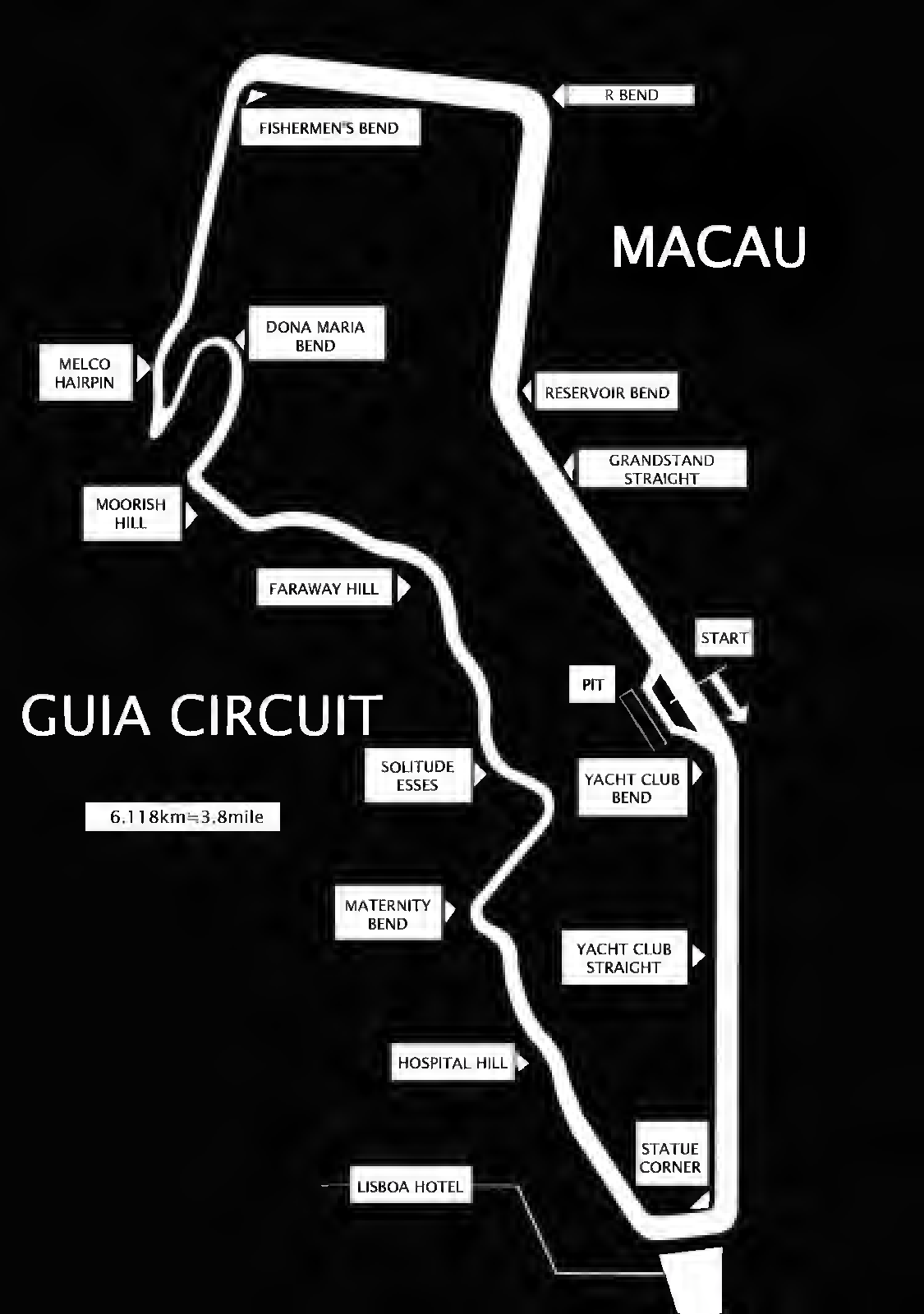
Chapter 3:
Fervent Reception


R BEND
FISHERMEN'S BEND
MACAU
DONA MARIA BEND
MELCO HAIRPIN
RESERVOIR BEND
GRANDSTAND STRAIGHT
MOORISH HILL
FARAWAY HILL
START
PIT
GUIA CIRCUIT
SOLITUDE ESSES
YACHT CLUB BEND
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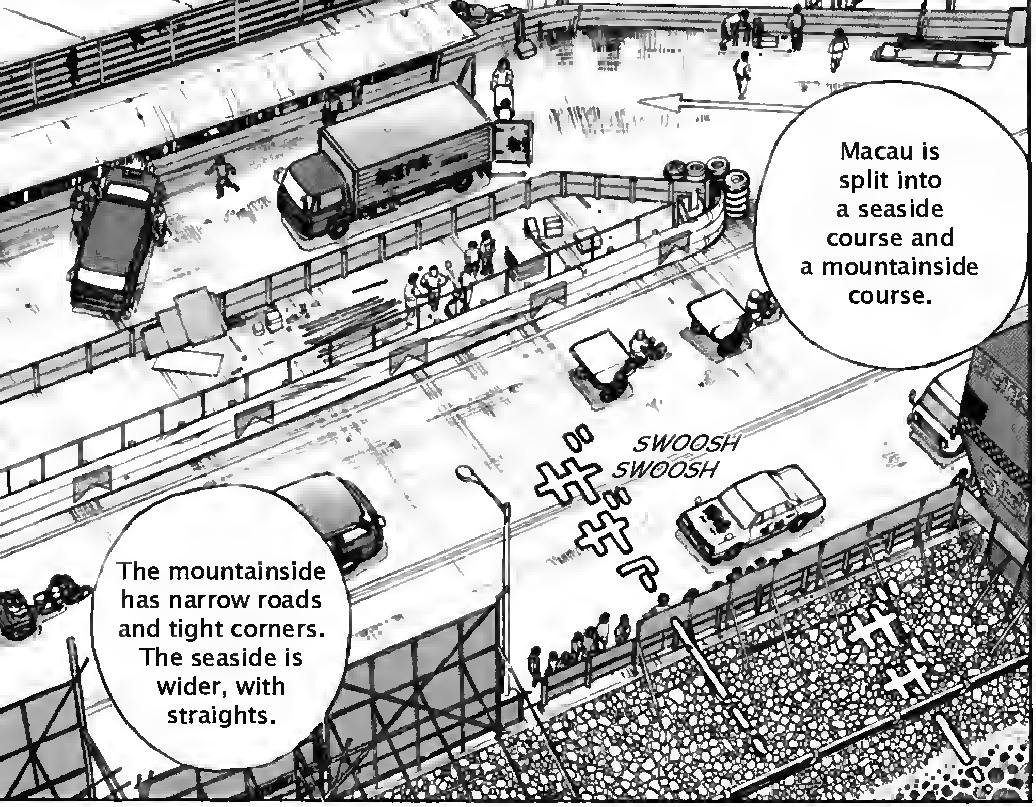
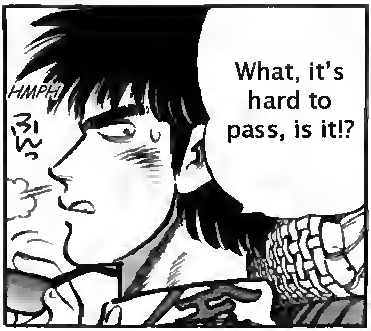
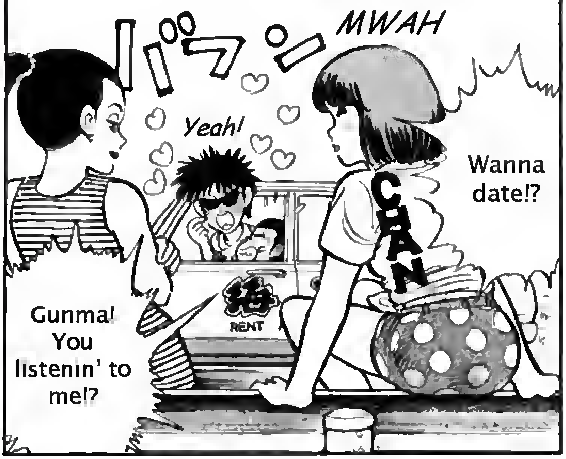
MATERNITY BEND
YACHT CLUB STRAIGHT
HOSPITAL HILL
STATUE CORNER
LISBOA HOTEL

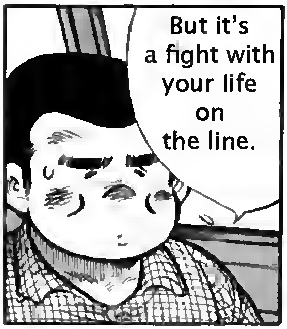

Macau is split into a seaside course and a mountainside course.
SWOOSH SWOOSH
The mountainside has narrow roads and tight corners. The seaside is wider, with straights.

The Guia Circuit is on public streets, so lines are limited, and there aren't many options to pass...
Hey, what's up girl!? ♡

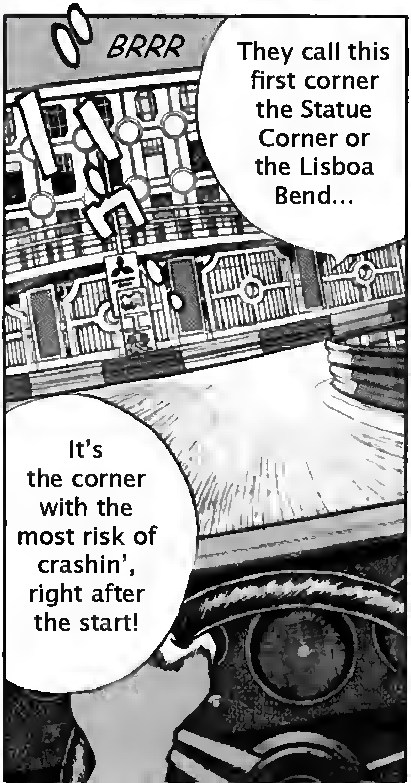
Right now, we're drivin' on the home straight.


What, it's hard to pass, is it!?
HMPH

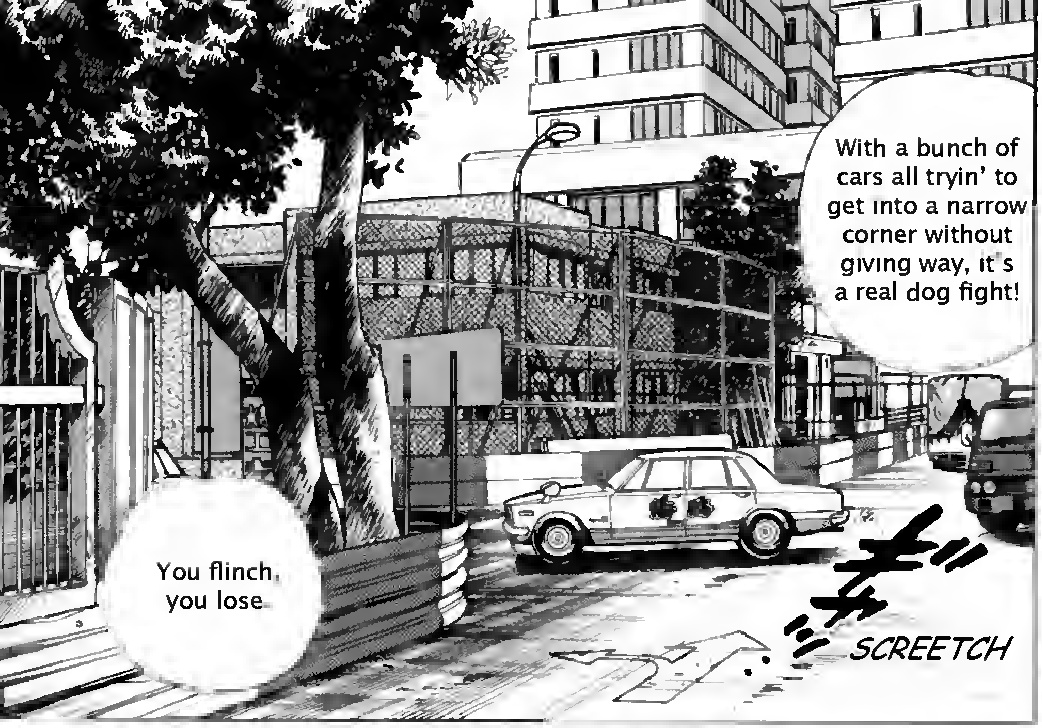

MWAH
Yeah!
Wanna date!?
CHAN
RENT
Gunma! You listenin' to me!?


But it's a fight with your life on the line.

Ha! Fighting is my specialty! No problem then.
Yup. Racing in Macau is like being in a fist fight!


BRRR
They call this first corner the Statue Corner or the Lisboa Bend...
It's the corner with the most risk of crashin', right after the start!

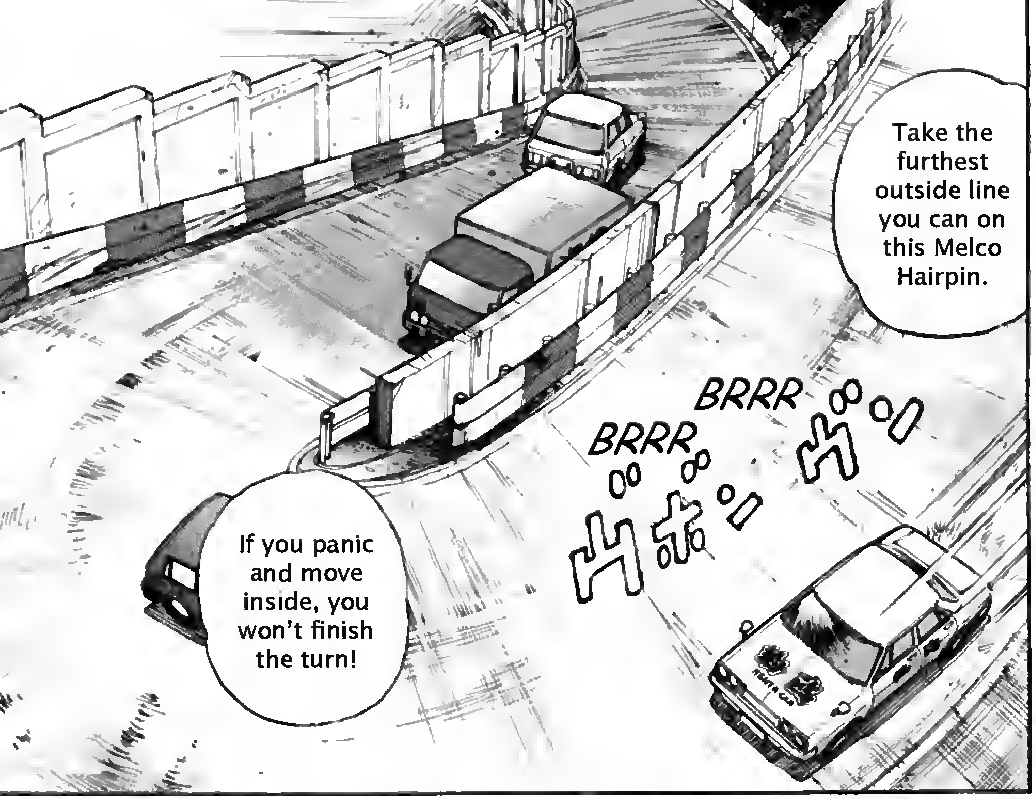
Yeah, yeah. I got it!
Okay, first corner.
VRRR

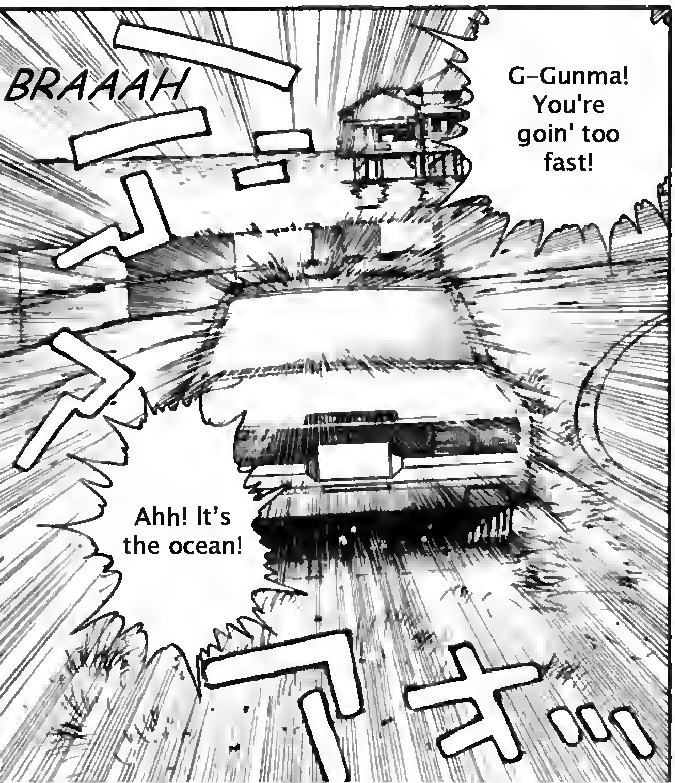

With a bunch of cars all tryin' to get into a narrow corner without giving way, it's a real dog fight!
You flinch, you lose.
SCREETCH

Swing a right on the Maternity Bend!
HOONK
Next, left curve on the Solitude!
You gotta memorize the R of the corner!

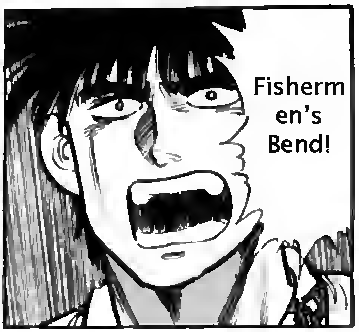
Next, we go up Hospital Hill.
BRRR
Man, it's narrow here. Look how close the guard-rail is!

Moorish Hill.
Faraway Hill.
You ain't the boss of me!
Woops ...
Whoa, watch it! It's the Dona Maria left curve!
HEH HEH HEH
Phew! Man, there's tons of cuties around here!
Sheesh! Can't catch a break.
Whoa, hold it! Hit the brake!
It's the Melco Hairpin right ahead!
Whoa! That was a close one. Ha ha ha...
SCREE


Take the furthest outside line you can on this Melco Hairpin.
BRRR
BRRR
If you panic and move inside, you won't finish the turn!

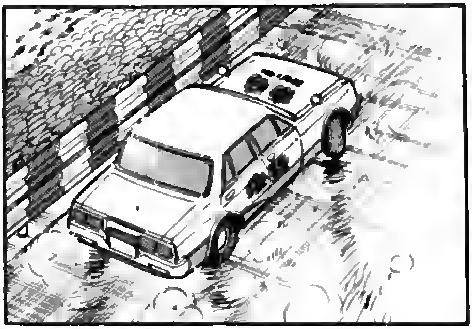

BRAAAH
G-Gunma! You're goin' too fast!
Ahh! It's the ocean!

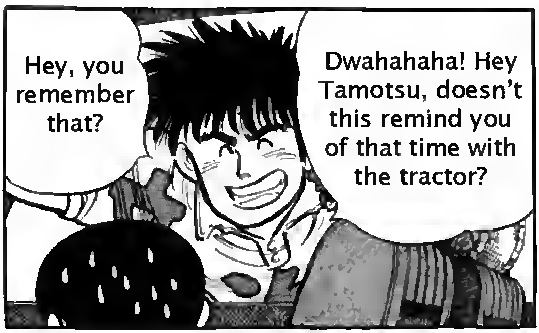
Now it's on to the seaside course!

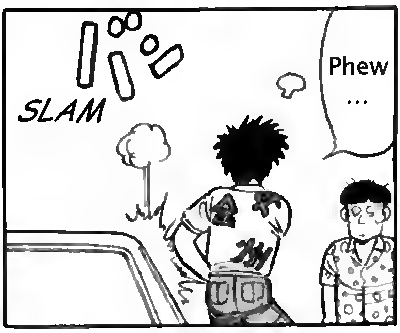

Fisherm en's Bend!

SCRAAAPE
ガガガガガ

SCREECH
キキキアー

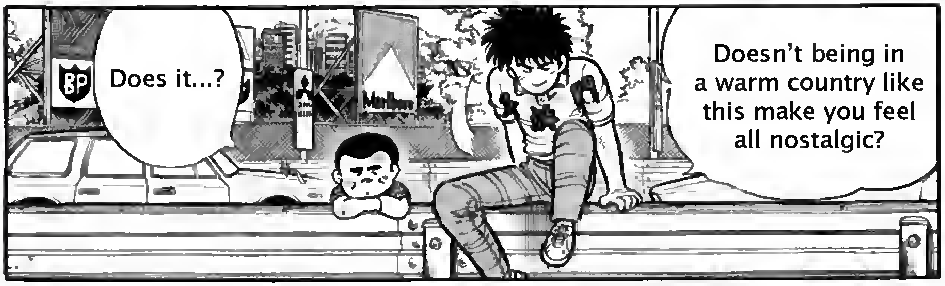


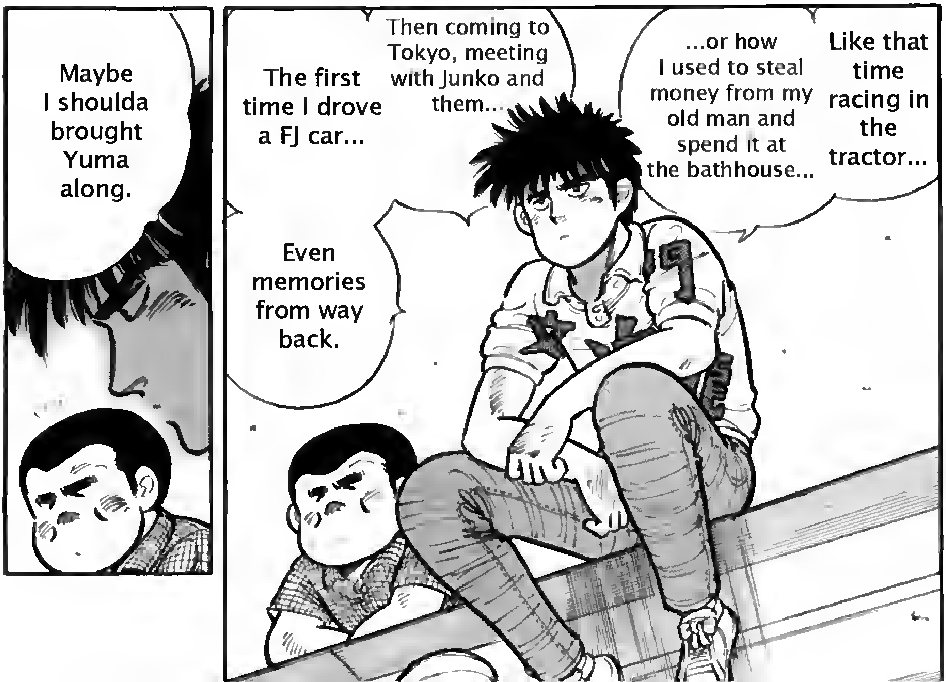

Hey, you remember that?
Dwahahaha! Hey Tamotsu, doesn't this remind you of that time with the tractor?

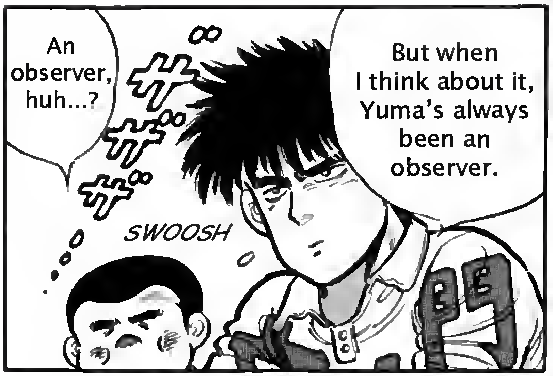

SLAM
Phew ...

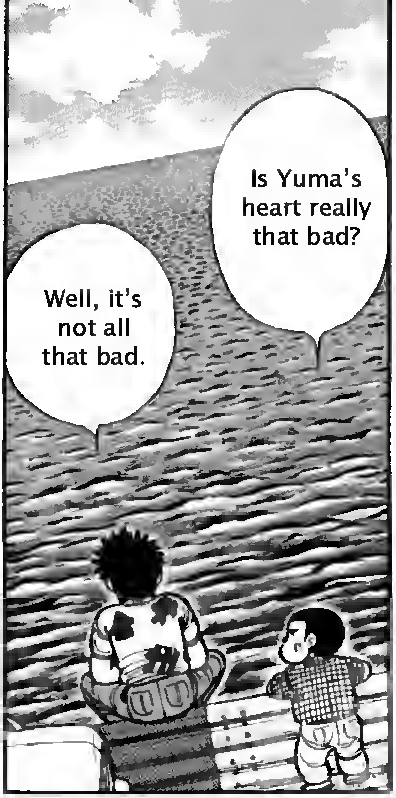
Hmph. What-ever.
I don't even wanna remember that...

SNIFF
I don't know why, but...
I'm remembering a bunch of stuff...


Does it...?
Doesn't being in a warm country like this make you feel all nostalgic?


Maybe I shoulda brought Yuma along.
The first time I drove a FJ car...
Then coming to Tokyo, meeting with Junko and them...
...or how I used to steal money from my old man and spend it at the bathhouse...
Like that time racing in the tractor...
Even memories from way back.


An observer, huh...?
But when I think about it, Yuma's always been an observer.
SWOOSH


Is Yuma's heart really that bad?
Well, it's not all that bad.

He's always been kind of detached.
I'd get in fights with the old man and Shoma all the time, and he'd be the one to stop them...

But when he came to Suzuka that time...
He suddenly started talkin' about takin' up the lead role!

Basi-cally...
He chose to play the bit role, so to speak...

Yuma should be able to figure out what kind of life suits him best.
Don't worry about it.
But he didn't know how to go about it, so he came cryin' to me...
...
All right.
Now let's go and get that course memorized!
VROOM
When you think about it...

...everyone's a main character!
BRRRR
RENT A CAR

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はは
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
Yeah, what-ever.
Yeah, and you're in a comedy!
HMPH
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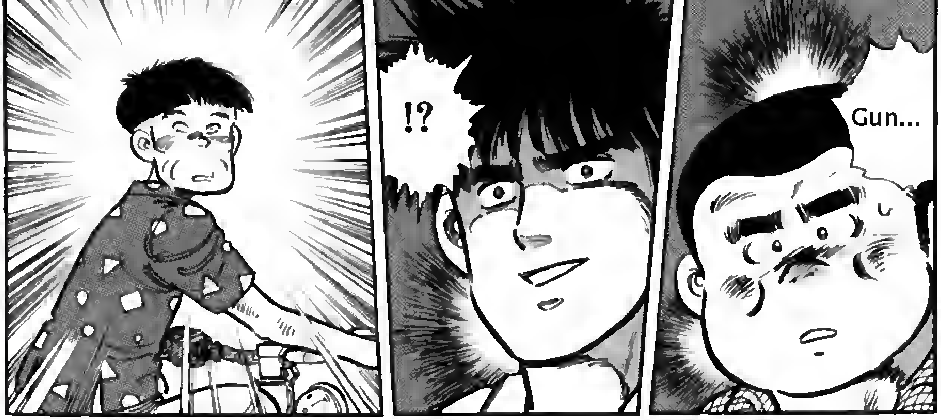
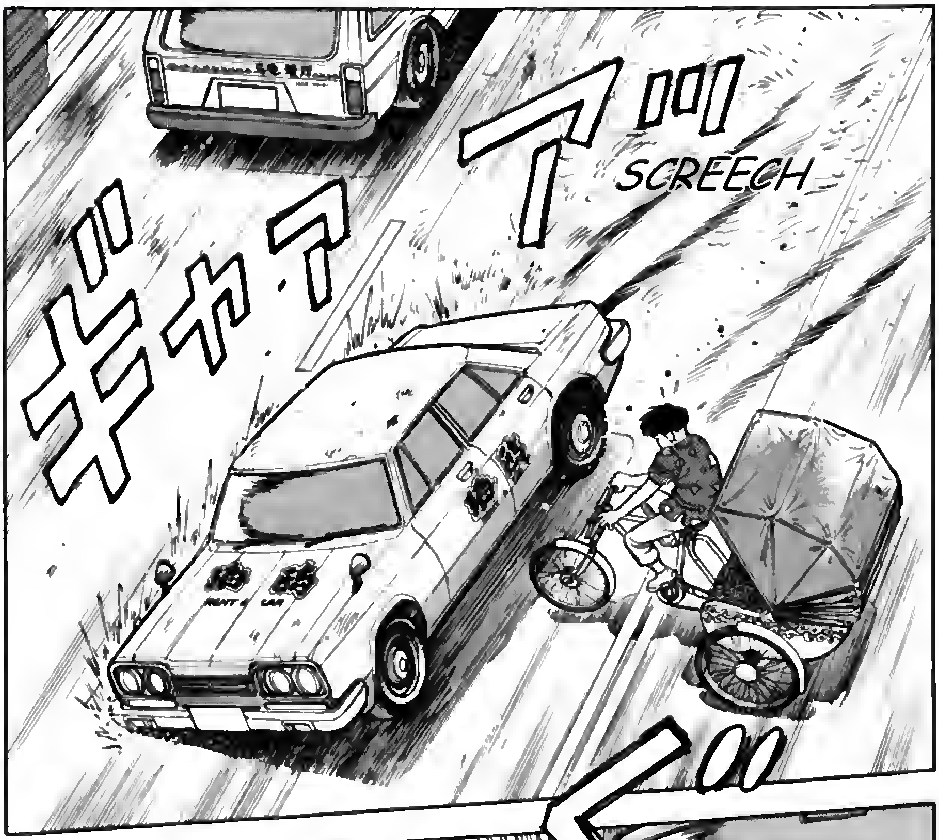
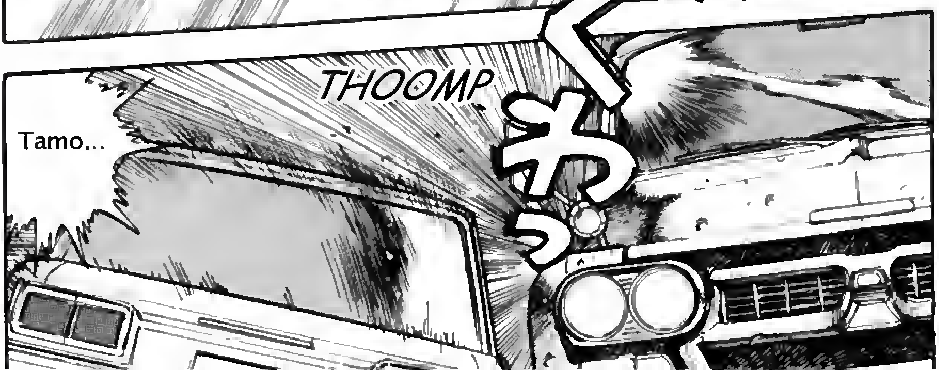
SQUEEZE
What's up with him...? He seems different than usual...
ZOOM
RING

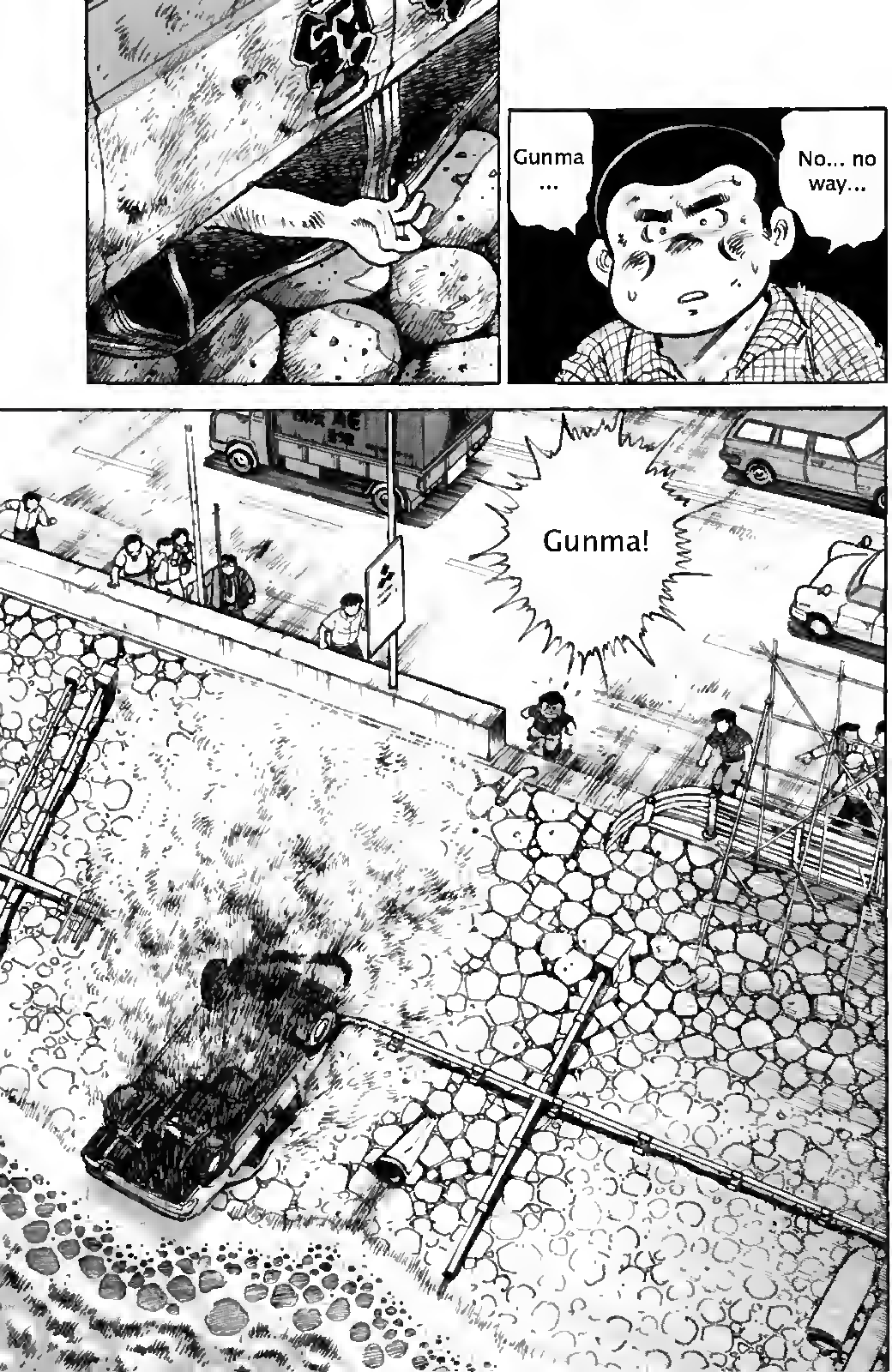

!?
Gun...


キャアー
SCREECH


THOOMP
Tamo...
おっ

SMASH
CRUNCH
SHOOM
Marlboro

WHOOSH
PATTER PATTER
WHUMP
Gunma...
Gu...
!!


Gunma ...
No... no way...
Gunma!

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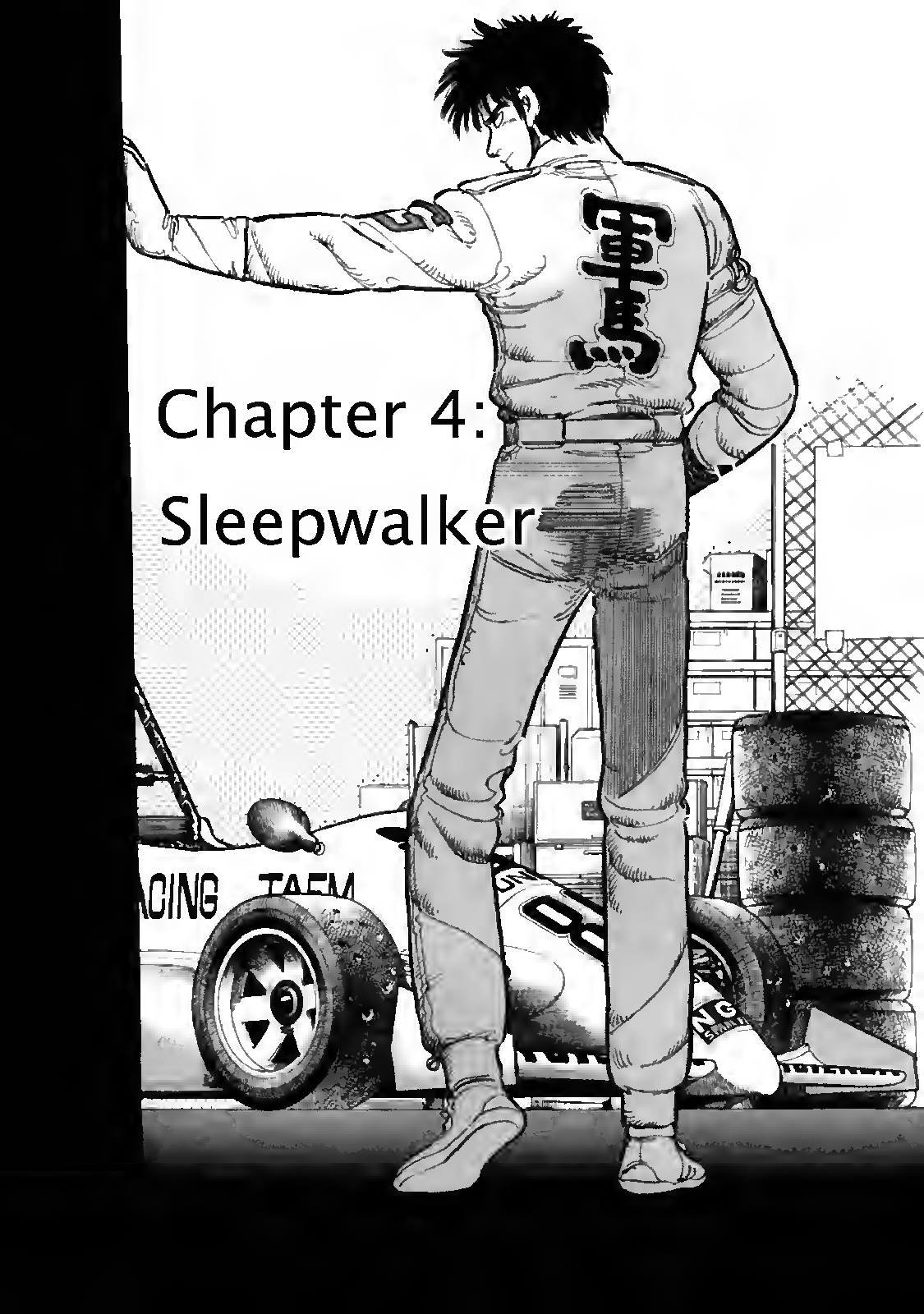

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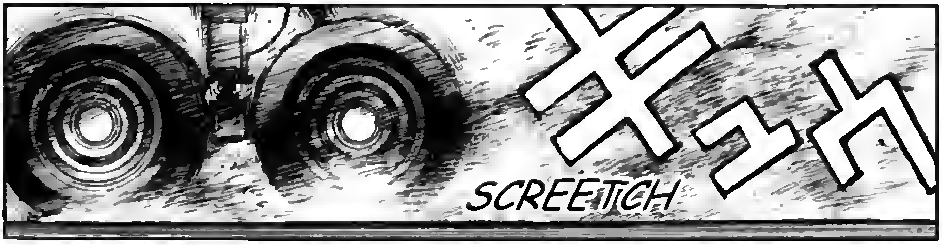
VWEEEEEEEN


SCREEITCH

TAXI
Not good ...
How is Gunma doing!?
HONG KONG
5-756565
He was apparently a total mess when they brought him to the hospital.
The car jumped right off the road...
...and hit the shore, with Gunma stuck under it.
TOYOTA
...part of his intestines ruptured.
Also...
He's got fractured bones every-where...
That's terrible...!
Oh hell...

St. AROWS HOSPITAL
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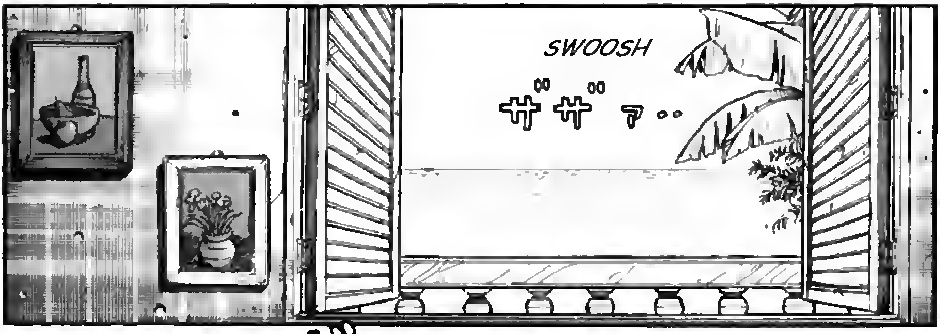
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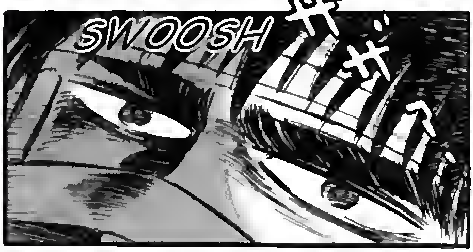
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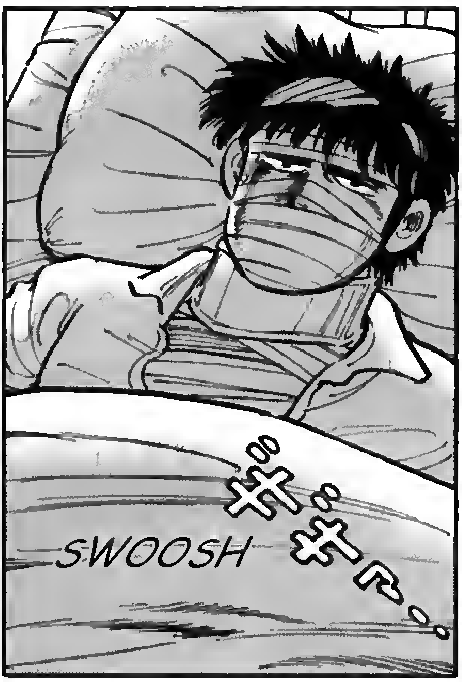
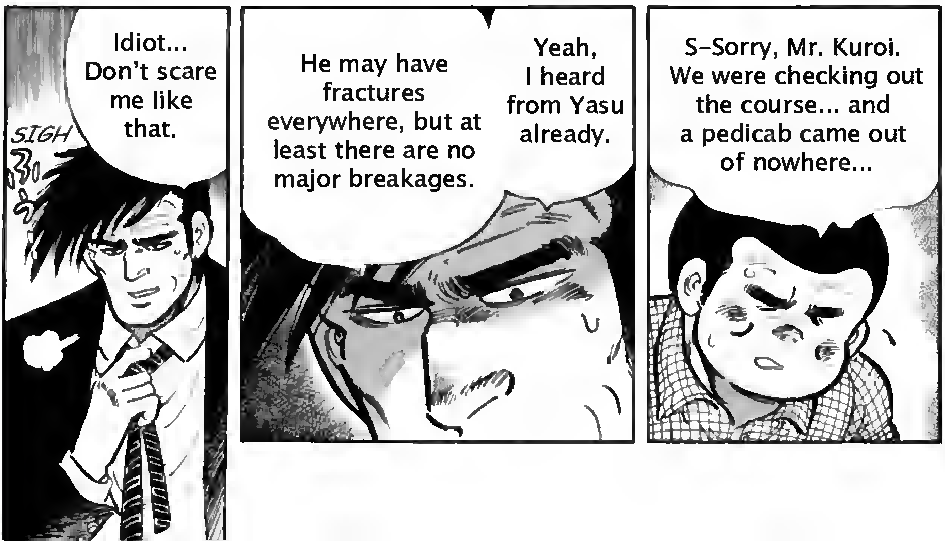

SWOOSH

CLICK

Mr. Kuroi...

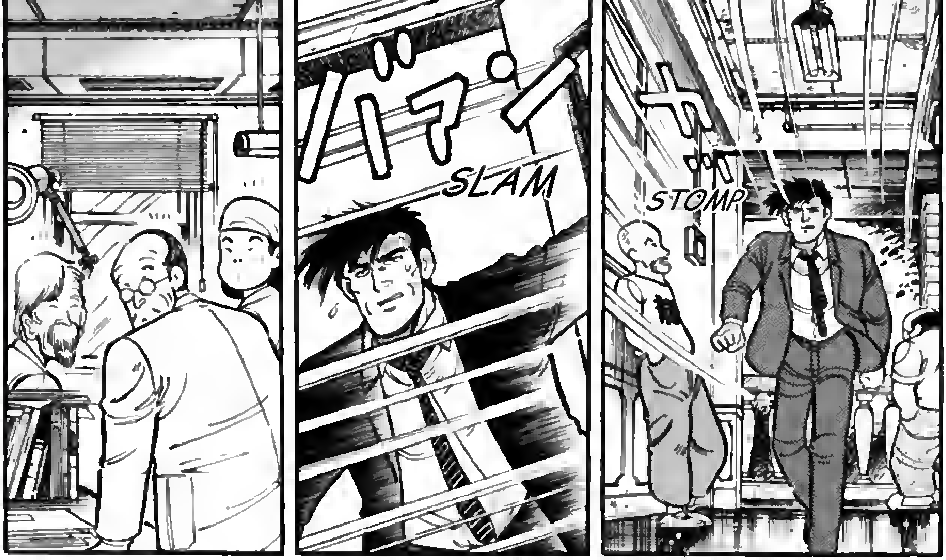
No. He's awake, but he's been like this the whole time...
Is he asleep?
Hey Gunma... It's Mr. Kuroi. You recognize him...?


Idiot... Don't scare me like that.
SIGH
He may have fractures everywhere, but at least there are no major breakages.
Yeah, I heard from Yasu already.
S-Sorry, Mr. Kuroi. We were checking out the course... and a pedicab came out of nowhere...

Yeah, but...
No choice. We'll have to forfeit the race.
The car should be arriving tomorrow or the day after...
What are we gonna do...?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
Three days until the preliminaries.
I should be able to find somebody to drive.
I'm going to check if another team has a second driver just hanging around.
I'd like to at least have the car in the race.
We got the sponsors and all...
Just the car...!?
Sorry, Yasu. Thanks.
But as a manager, I don't have much choice.
I wanted Gunma to race too.
I don't like the idea, but...

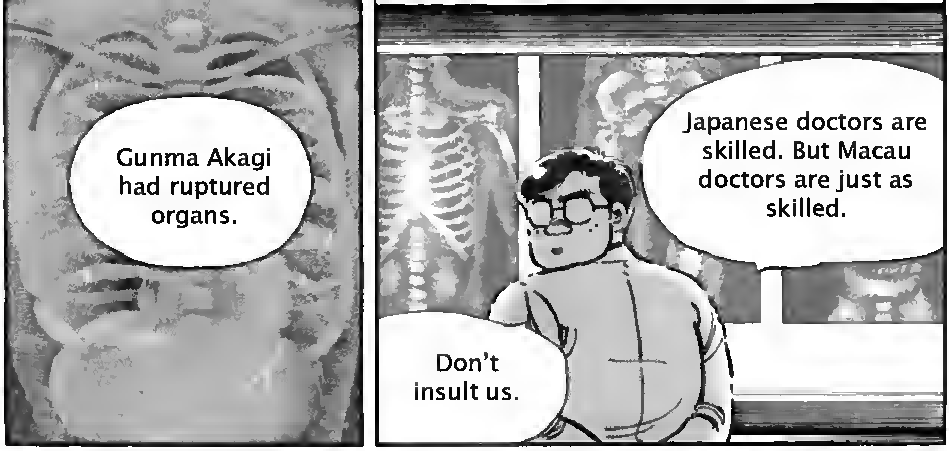
!
カチャ
CLICK
ポタ
DRIP
ポタ
DRIP
ポタ
DRIP
!?
I didn't understand Gunma one dang bit...
I...
I...
You haven't slept a wink, have you.
Go back to the hotel. Get some rest.
I mean, he's still likable and all, but...
...he's selfish, irresponsible, a womanizer and a sore loser.
G-Gunma is a racing genius, but...
...went flying off the road...
But when the car...
...
I thought he didn't care about anyone else.

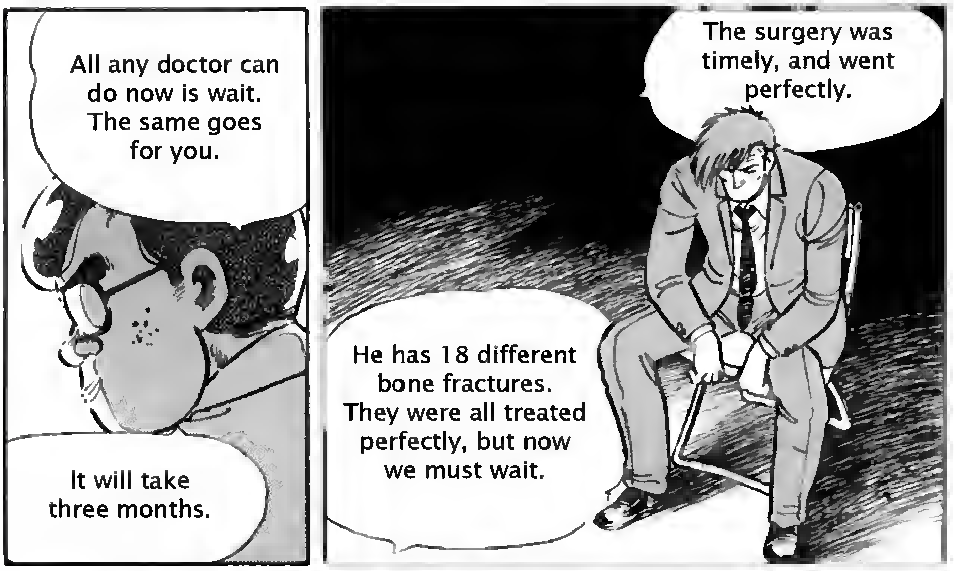
He...
...
...he kicked me to get me out of the car.
...
He...
CLENCH
SWOOSH

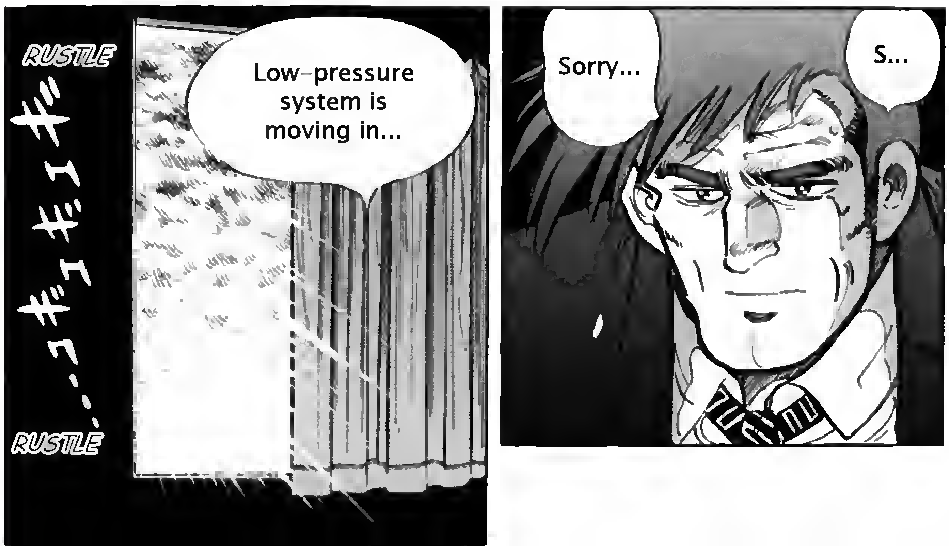

SLAM
STOMP

Was it you!?
Or you!?
?
Who was in charge of Gunma Akagi's surgery!?

I am the one who treated Gunma Akagi.
Calm down, sir!
Listen up! If you gave him half-assed treatment because he's a foreigner, you'll regret it!
YIKES

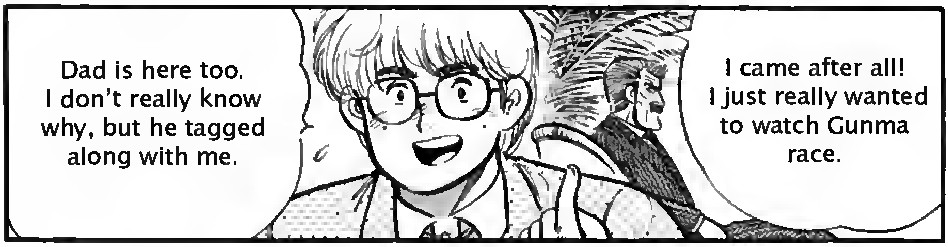

Gunma Akagi had ruptured organs.
Japanese doctors are skilled. But Macau doctors are just as skilled.
Don't insult us.

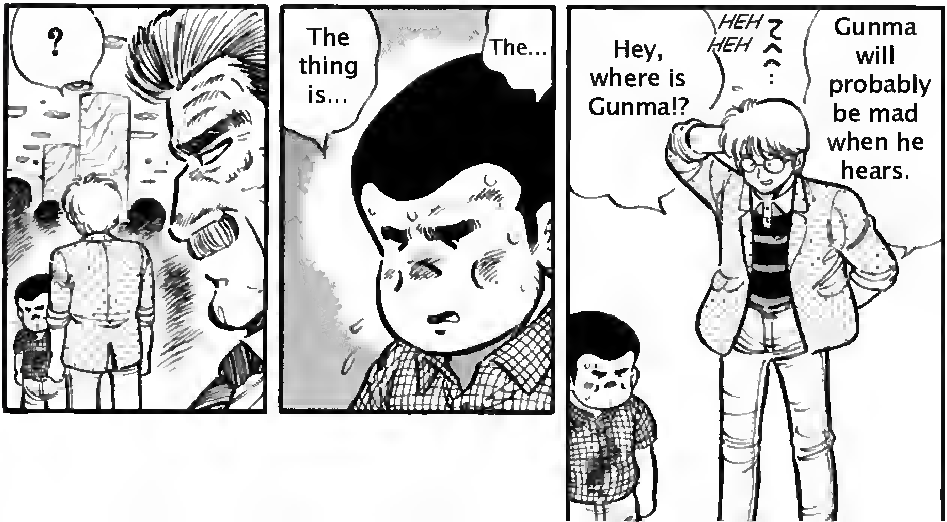

All any doctor can do now is wait. The same goes for you.
It will take three months.
The surgery was timely, and went perfectly.
He has 18 different bone fractures. They were all treated perfectly, but now we must wait.


RUSTLE
ガラガラ...
RUSTLE
Low-pressure system is moving in...
Sorry...
S...

Tamotsu!
YAK
YAK
SPLISH
SPLISH
Hotel

I finally found you! I've been looking for you!
Yu... Yuma...


Dad is here too. I don't really know why, but he tagged along with me.
I came after all! I just really wanted to watch Gunma race.


?
The thing is...
The...
Hey, where is Gunma!?
HEH HEH
Gunma will probably be mad when he hears.

SLAM
SLAM
SPLISH
SPLISH
ZSSHHH
WOOSH
ZSSHHH
SLAM
SPLISH
SPLISH
Gunma...
ZSSHHH
SWOOSH

Poor Gunma...
ZSSHHH
SWOOSH
WOOSH
ZSSHHH
ZSSHHH
What the hell is going on with Macau this year?
Heard it's an unseasonal typhoon.
It's not warm at all!

It's only six degrees.
Morimoto, I'm gonna catch a cold.
Damn it.
At this rate, it's iffy whether they'll do today's preliminary.
MITSUBISHI MOTORS
Marlboro
This sucks.
Ahhh ...
No good at all!
How'd it go, Yasu?
HUFF
ZSSHHH
GUNMA
POTENZA

I figured.
They won't accept changing drivers.
Macau is a big international race now, not like the old days.
...we forfeit!
It's too bad, but...
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
GSSHHH
WOOSH

KRACK
ZSSHHH
ガア
TOYOTA

TOYOTA

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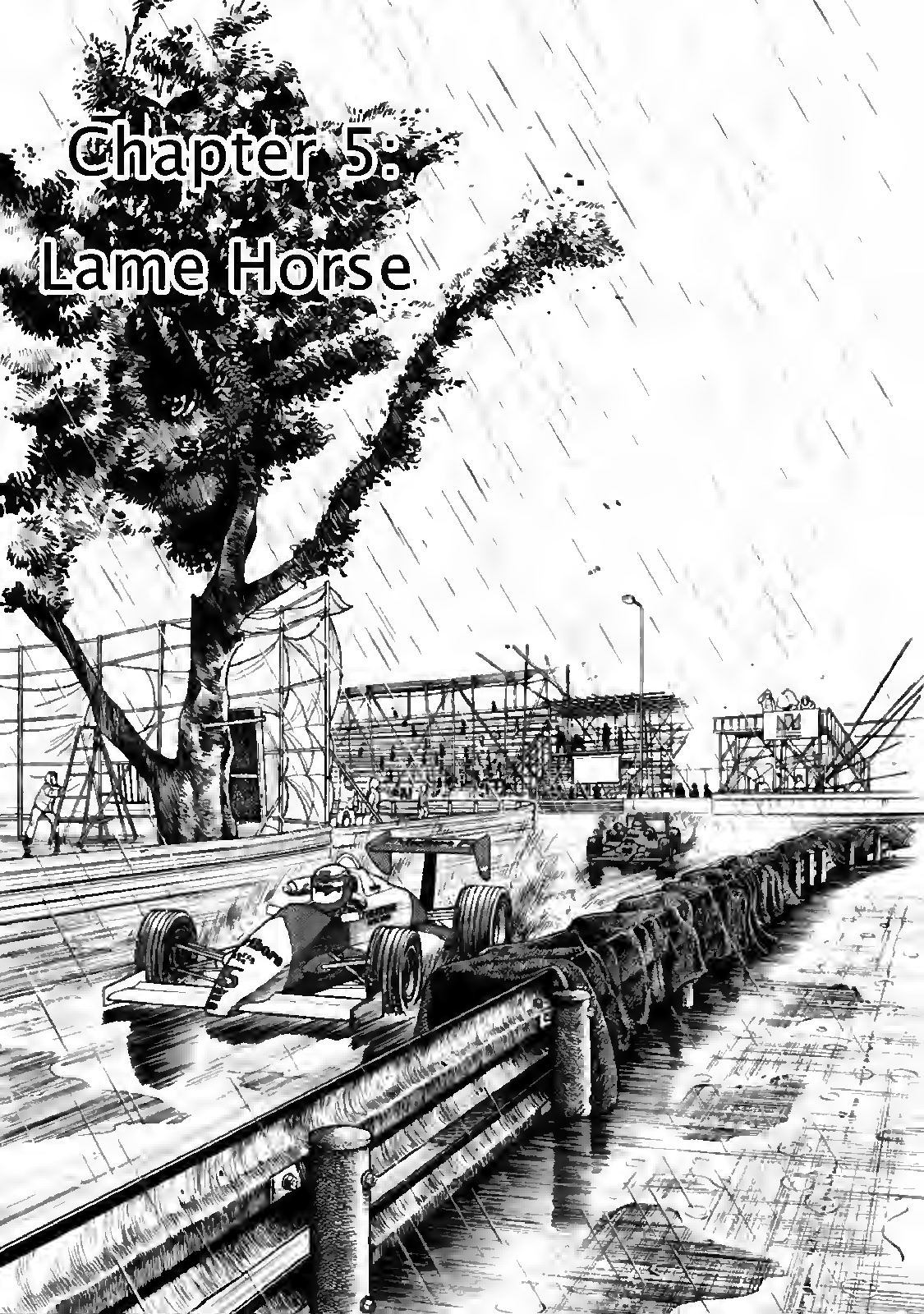
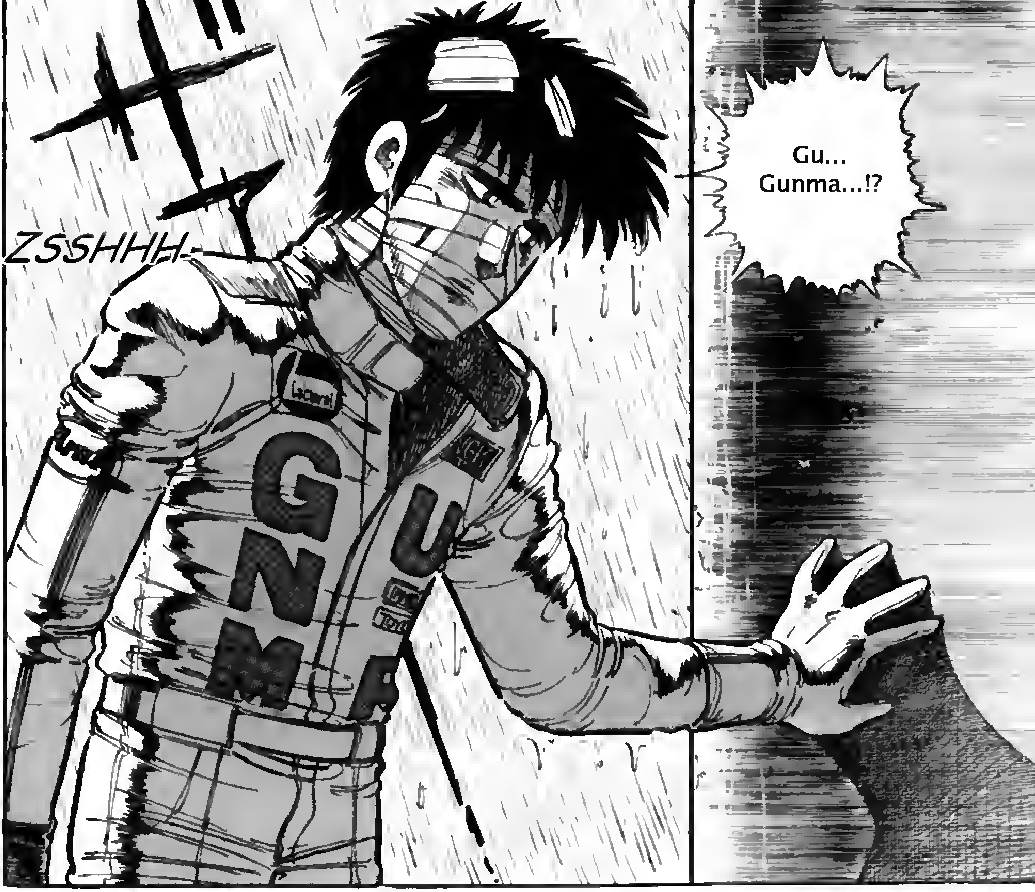
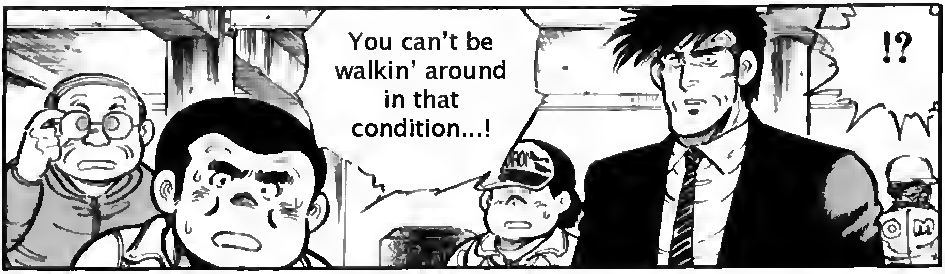
Chapter 5:
Lame Horse

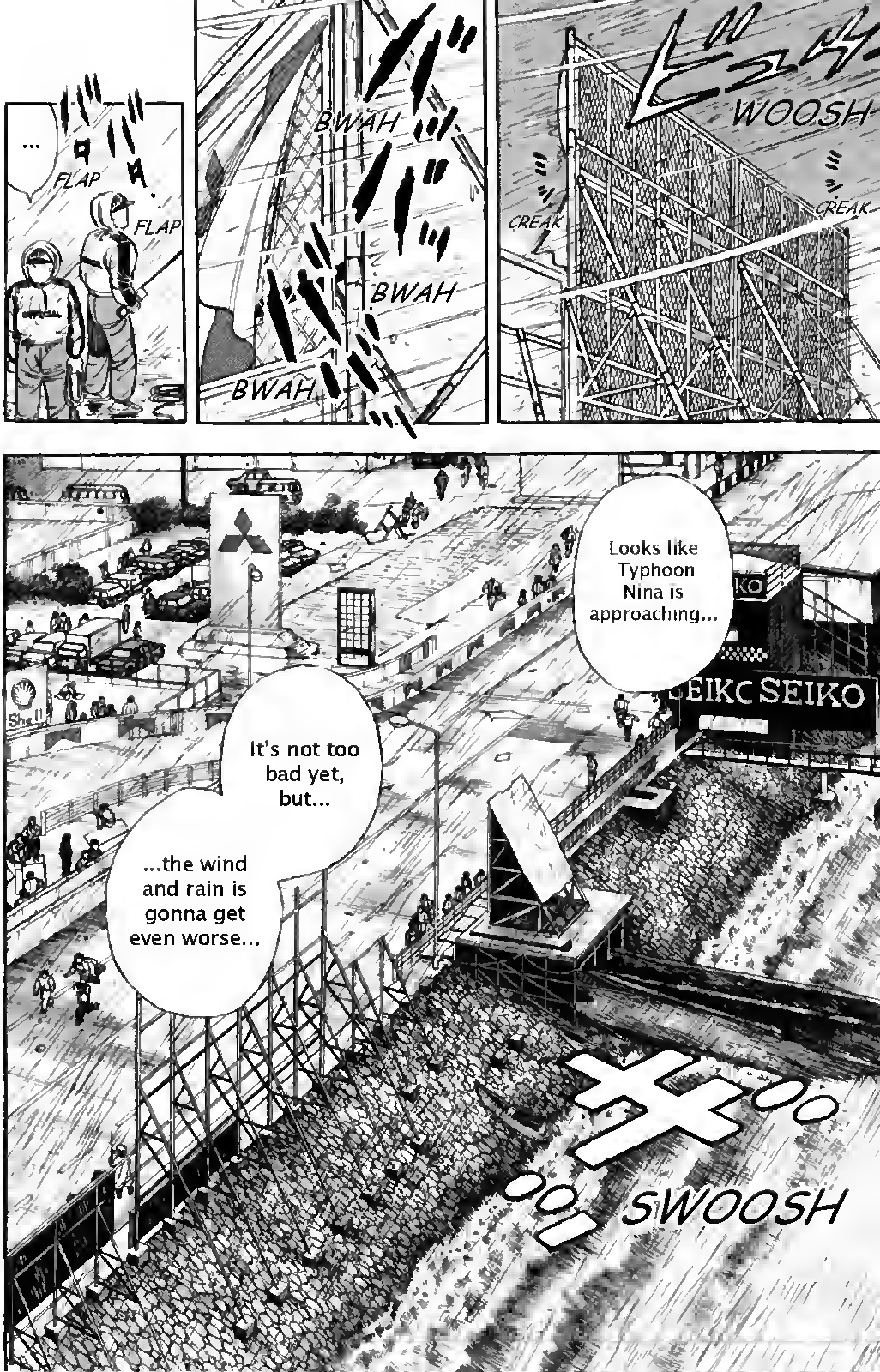



ZSSHHH-
GUNMA
Gu...
Gunma...!?


You can't be walkin' around in that condition...!
!?

...nobody... gets...
No...
WOBBLE

Yeah. You need to calm down!
D-Don't be an idiot! You plan on racing in that condition!?
...in front... of...
...of... me...
SLUMP
CLANG
Back off...!
...I'll kill you...!
CLUNK
CLUNK
If you... get in my way...
MCLAREN
WOOSH


...
FLAP
FLAP
BWAH
BWAH
BWAH
WOOSH
CREAK
CREAK
Looks like Typhoon Nina is approaching...
It's not too bad yet, but...
...the wind and rain is gonna get even worse...
SEIKC SEIKO
SWOOSH

Hard to say, the next two days are preliminaries...
If Nina passes quickly enough, the final the day after tomorrow should be fine...
Will they still race in these condi-tions?
It was just on the news...
...I don't really have that much interest anymore...
Either way, if Gunma isn't going to be in the race...
Why do you want to see him race so badly?
Yuma ...
Give up...!?
ZSSHHH
To give up on myself...

...you'd need as much... no, more energy than the car itself.
To control a car like that...
You'd need to be some-one like Gunma...

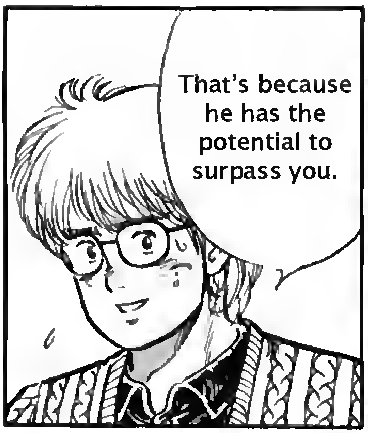
When I went to Suzuka and saw the race cars there, it really got to me.
It's like they're made of pure energy.

People without any power in their life fail no matter what they do.
This applies to everything, not just racing, right Dad?

That way, you and Mom wouldn't have to worry so much about me...

Convince it to give up on any dreams, stop struggling, and just act like an invalid should...
I wanted to make my body understand that to its core.

Anyway, why did you decide to come with me on this trip?
Don't try to make me feel better.
So what if your heart is a little weak?
PLUNK
Non-sense...
I thought you might push yourself too hard again.
Because I was worried about your health.
You wanted to see for yourself what kind of a man Gunma's become!
That's a lie...
Dad, you came to watch Gunma.
...and the man you're most afraid of!
Of your three children, Gunma's the one you're most interested in...

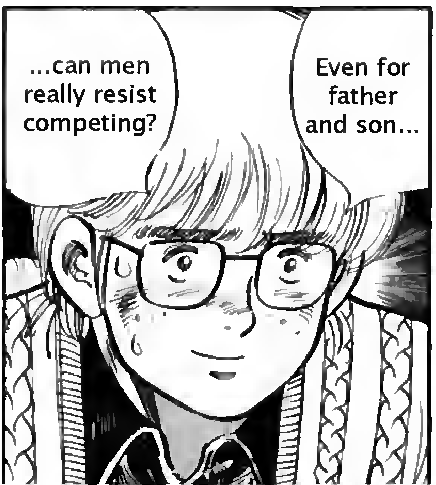

That's because he has the potential to surpass you.

Why would I...
...be afraid of him?

Ridi-culous ...

I wonder ...
That's no reason to fear him.
Most parents are supposed to want their children to surpass them.

I'm not so feeble as to let someone like him surpass me!
Yuma... Don't underesti-mate me.


...can men really resist competing?
Even for father and son...

SHIVER
!
I feel absolutely nothing for him as a parent!
And let me make one more thing clear...
GLARE
You lie...
That's all lies, Dad...
Th-That's not true!
...!
You came to watch the race to give up and act like an invalid!?
You want to give up on yourself!?
Don't lie.
Aren't you the one lying here, Yuma...!?

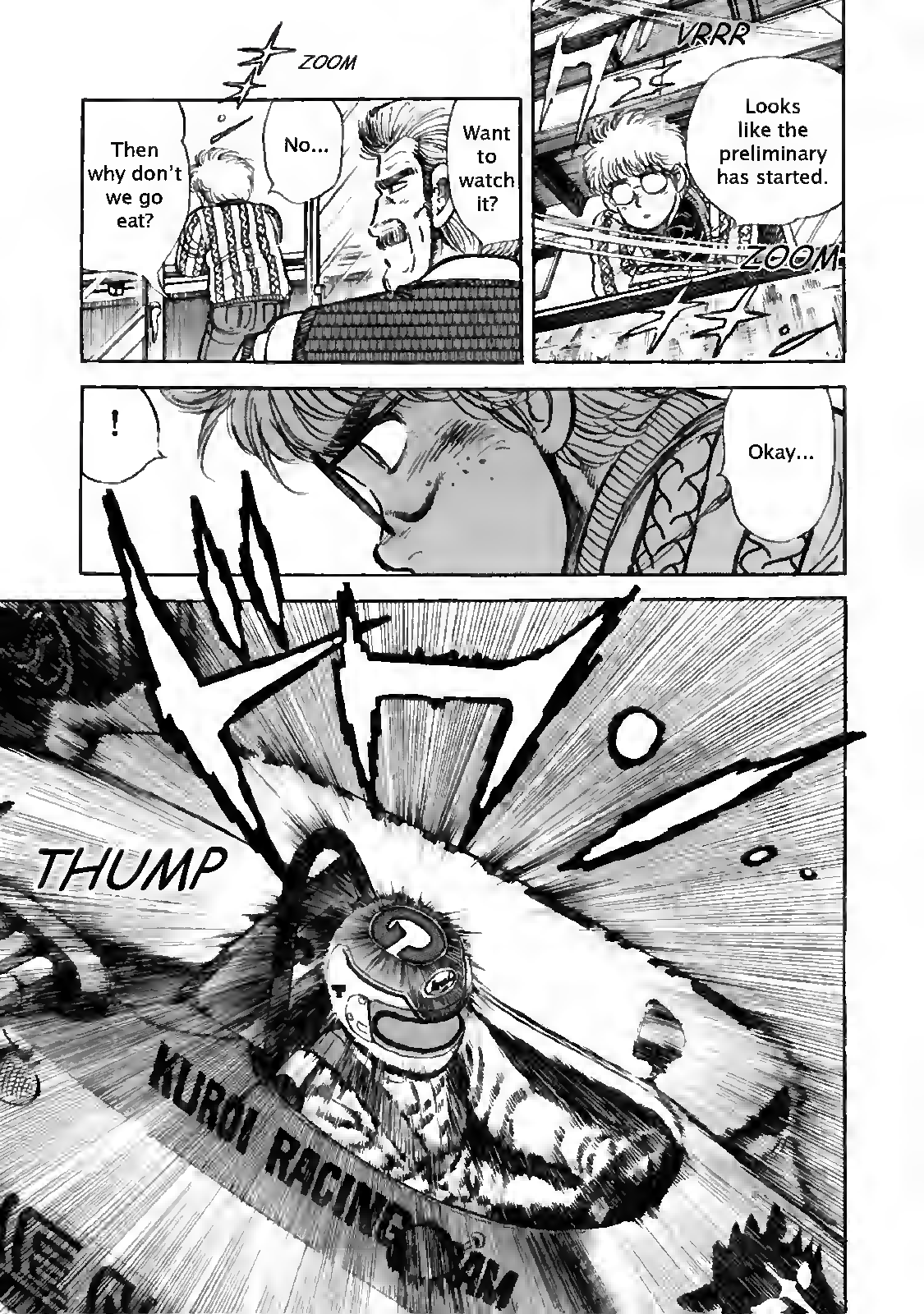
...
Didn't you come to watch the race to find out what that was!?
You're the one who was looking for something in Gunma.
...won't be joining the race.
Either way, Gunma...
ビュー
FWOOSH
Oh... The rain is letting up...

No way! He's got 18 fractures!
Is he serious about racin'!?
What should we do? He refuses to get out of the car.
KUROI RACING TEAM
PHENIX
!!
Really?!
Hey! The preliminary is starting!
Wh-What should we do!?
I made it!!
STARE

RUSH
RUSH
Tamotsu, how are the settings?
They're all setup, but...
Get his helmet on then!
!?
We came all the way to Macau...
He should be satisfied after driving a bit.
Hey, bring the battery over! Start the engine!
Mr. Kuroi...
If we let Gunma go like this, I have a feeling he ain't gonna come back...
...
Is that the first time you felt that? I'm sure you've felt that a bunch of times already!
Am I wrong, partner?
...!

GUNM
Does it hurt?
KURO! RACING TEAM
Remember that Junko's gonna arrive this afternoon!
Don't overdo it, Gunma! You gotta know your limits!
GRIN
VRRRRR
VROOM
BRR
VRR
BRR
FLYING TIGERS
18

SPLISHH
BRAAAAH
VROOM
Marlboro
SWOOSH
VROO
BRAAAAH
NICE


ZOOM
Then why don't we go eat?
No...
Want to watch it?
VRRR
Looks like the preliminary has started.
ZOOM
!
Okay...
THUMP
KUROI RACING TEAM

It's...
It's Gunma ...!
!?
Don't be ridiculous. He's in a hospital bed right now.
No! It's his car. I saw the G on his helmet too!
He's...
He's racing right now...
He's racing!
!?
ZOOOOOM

But...
why!?
ZOOOOOM
GUNMA
80
NGK
PHENIX
PHENIX
PHENIX

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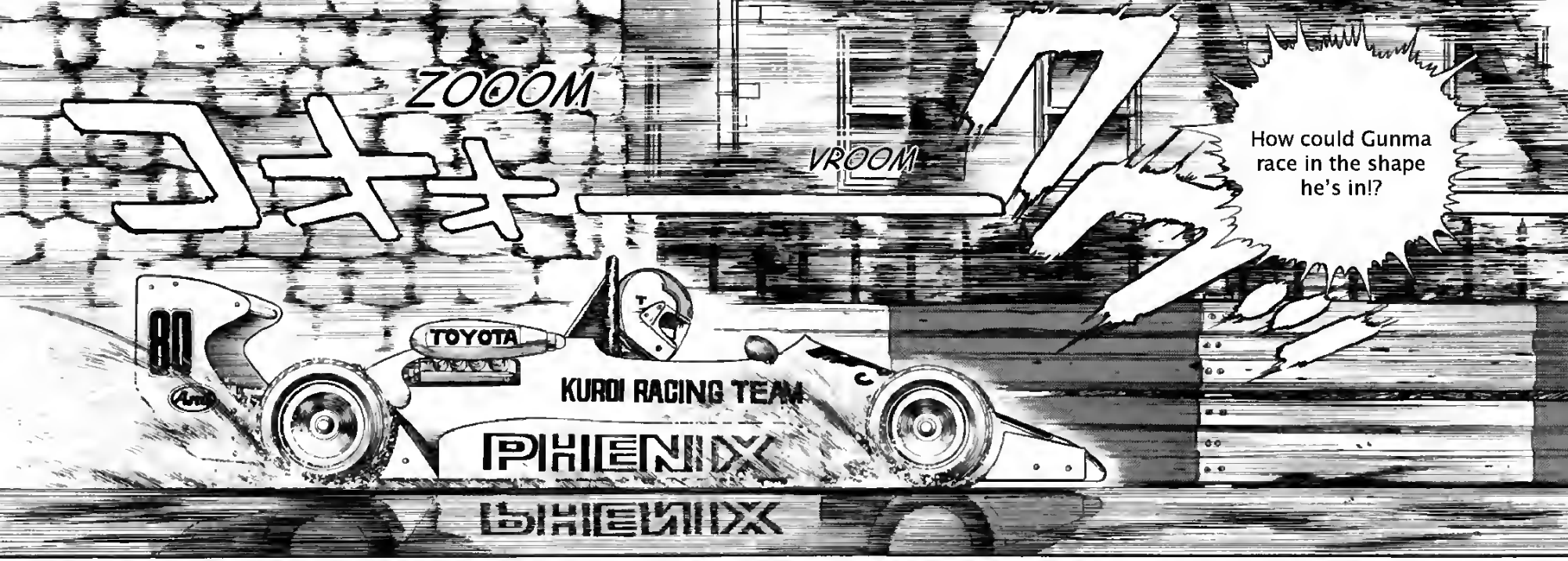
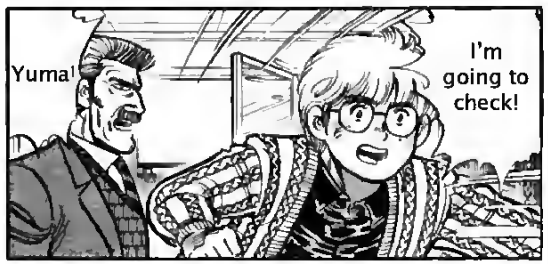
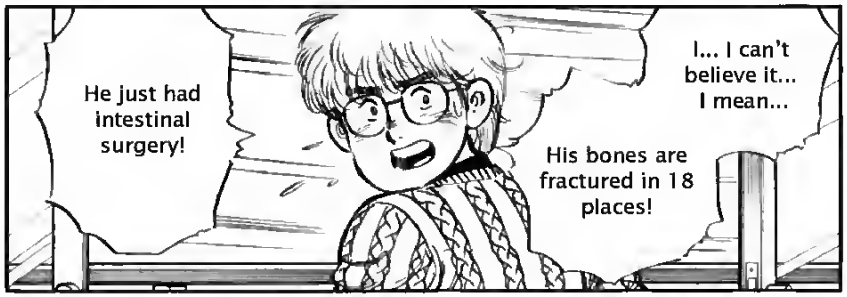

ZOOOM
VROOM
How could Gunma race in the shape he's in!?
80
TOYOTA
KUROI RACING TEAM
PHIENIX


Yuma!
I'm going to check!

Don't be ridiculous! No one could race in that condition!

Im-pos-sible ...
...

SLAM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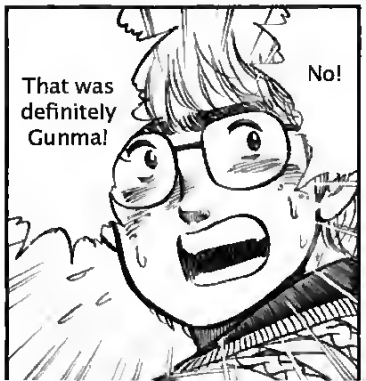
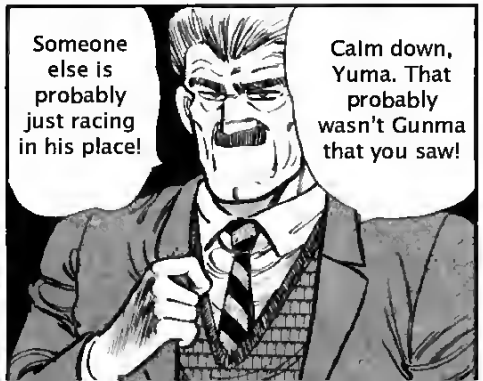
His bones are fractured in 18 places!


That was definitely Gunma!
No!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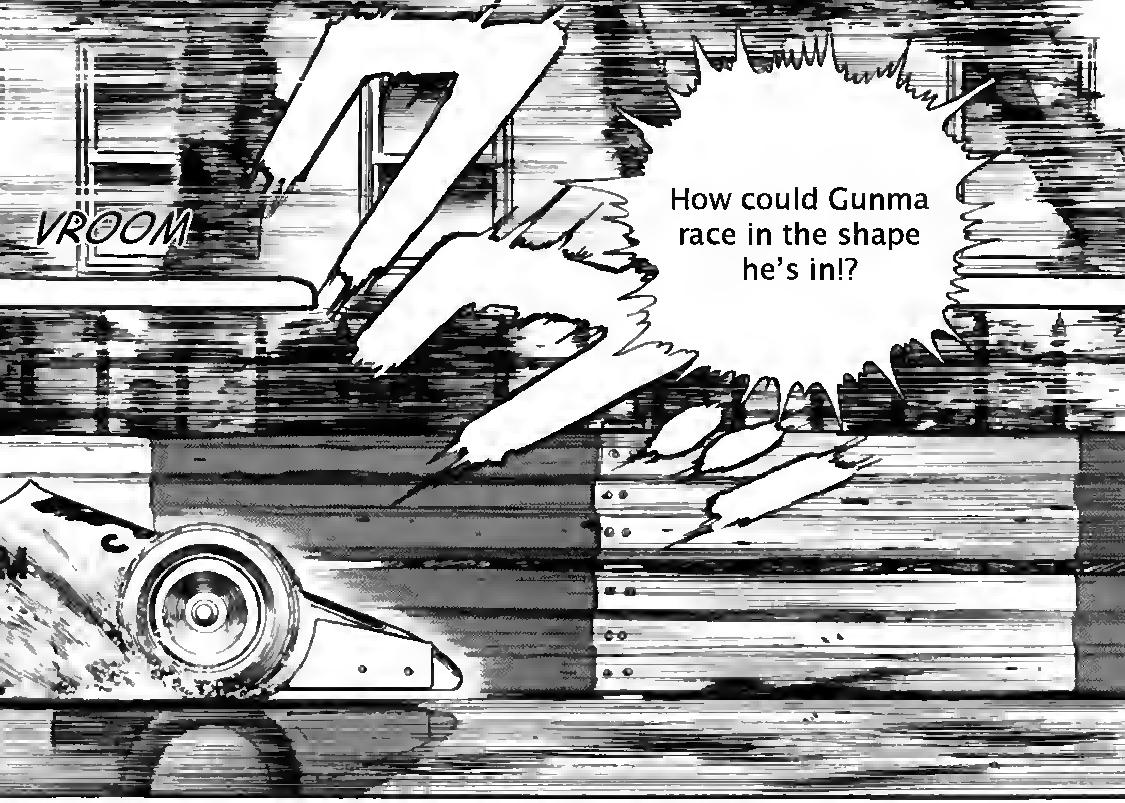
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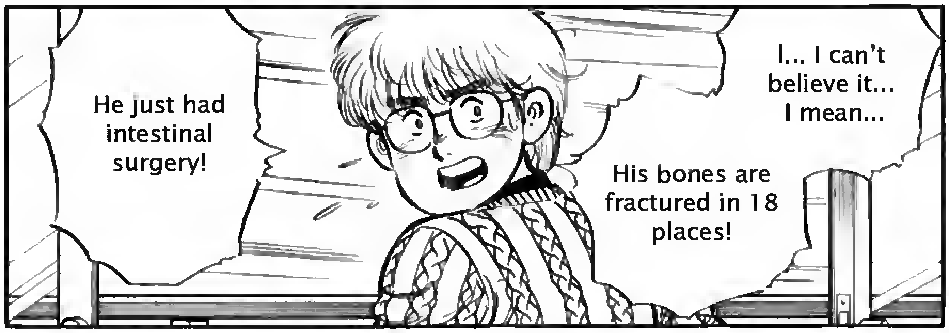
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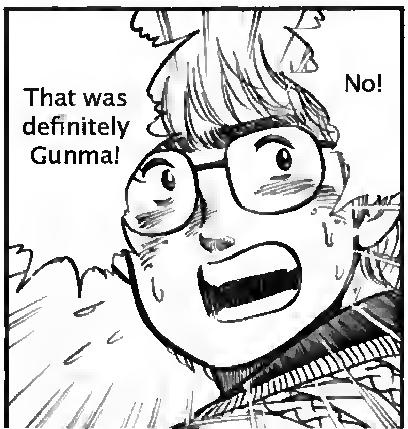
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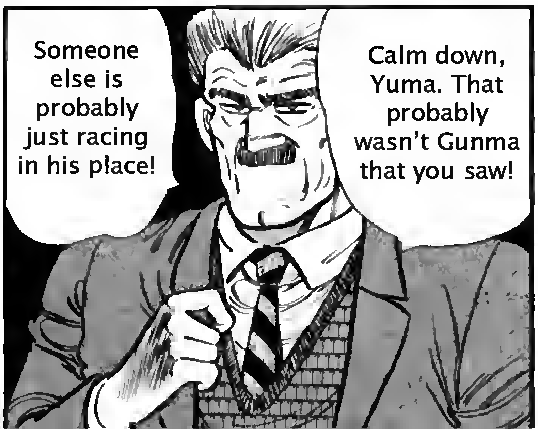
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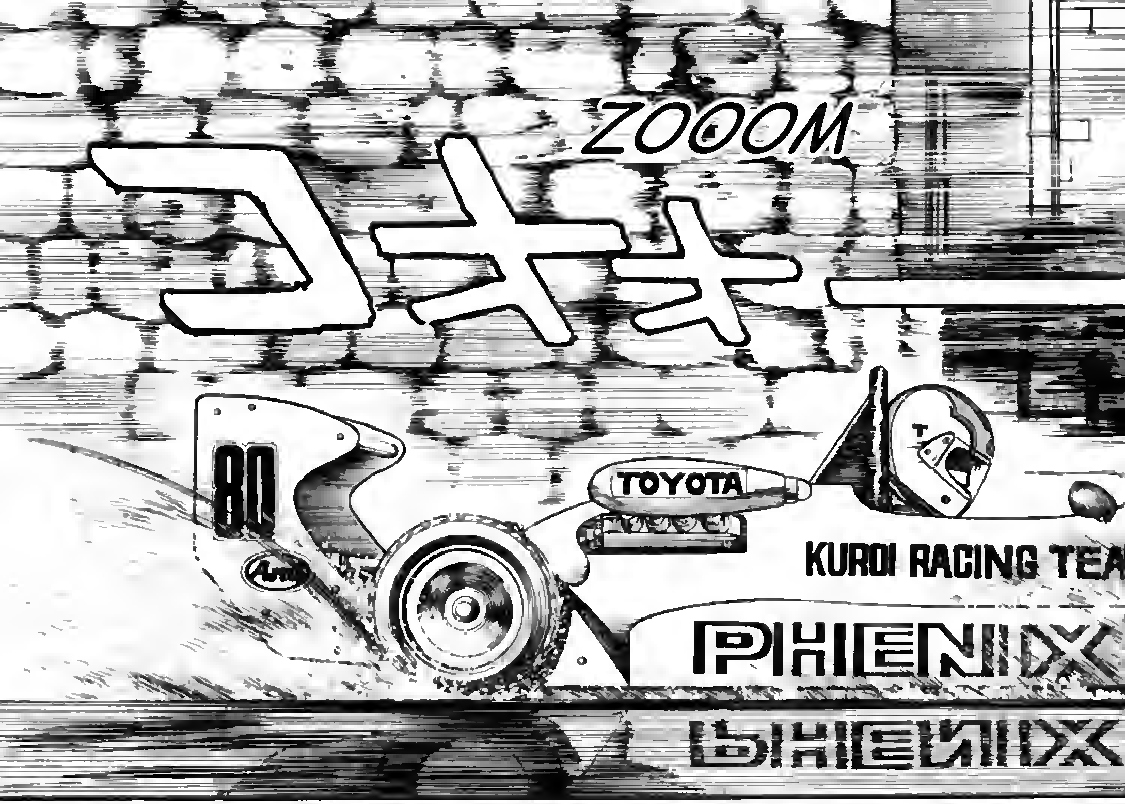
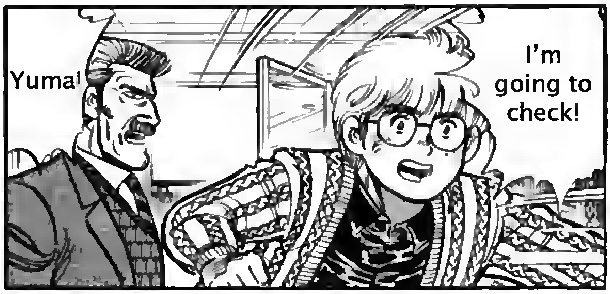

ZOOOM
コキュー
80
TOYOTA
KUROI RACING TEA
PHIENIX
PHIENIX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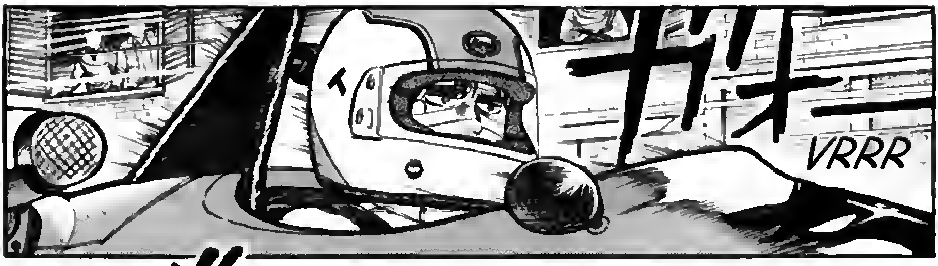
I'm going to check!

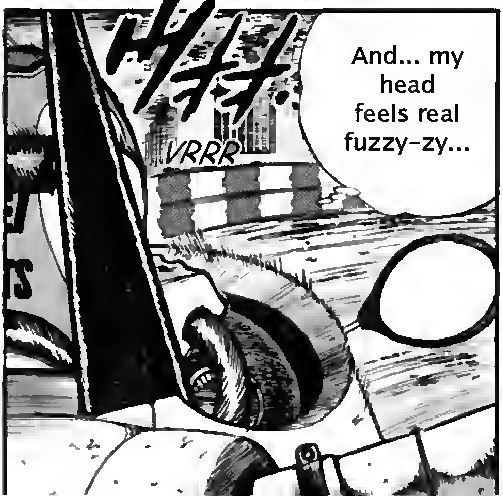
Im-pos-sible ...
...

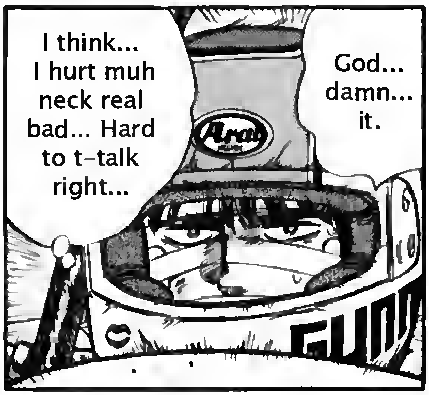
SLAM
バターン

Don't be ridiculous! No one could race in that condition!

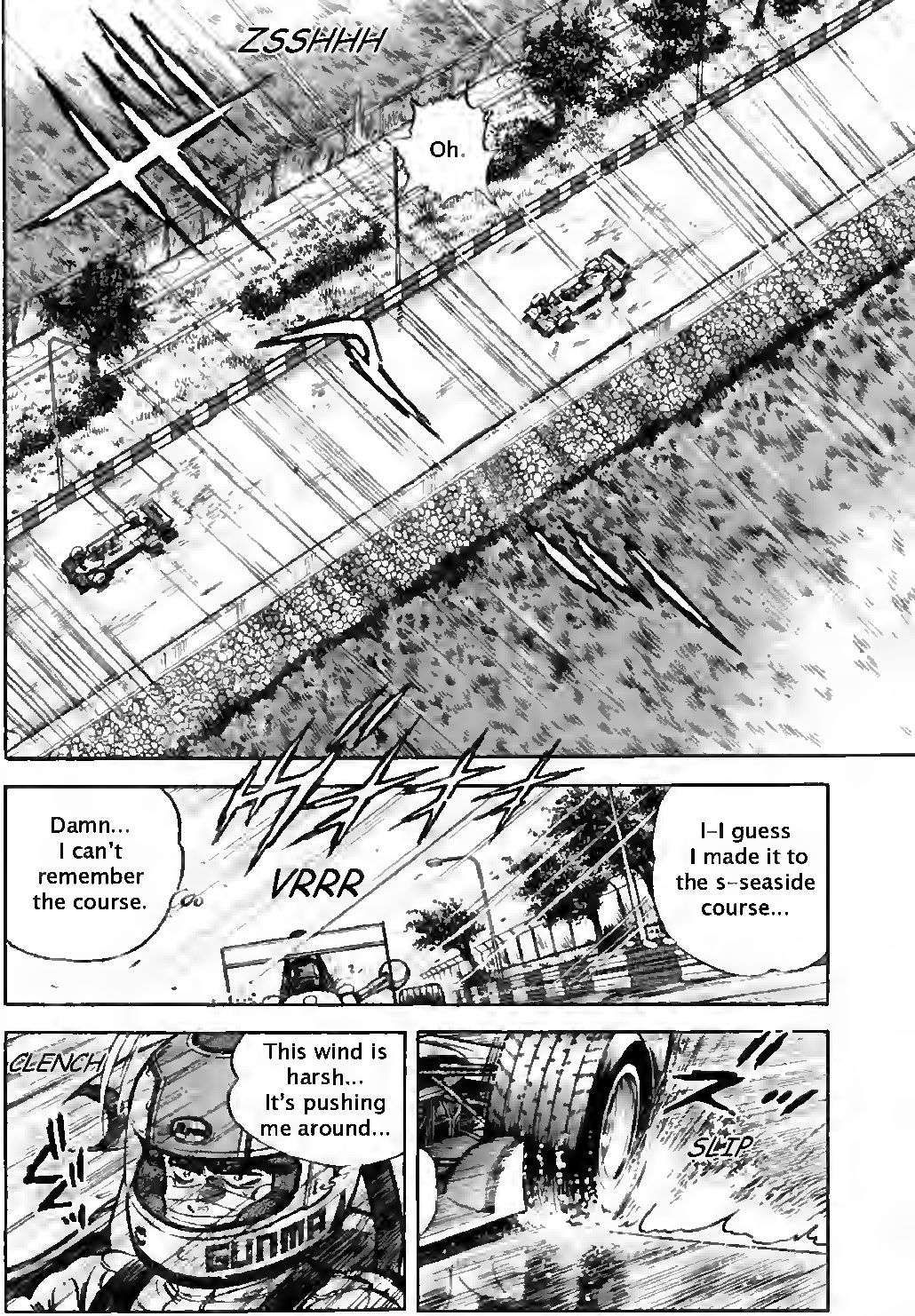
BRAAAAH

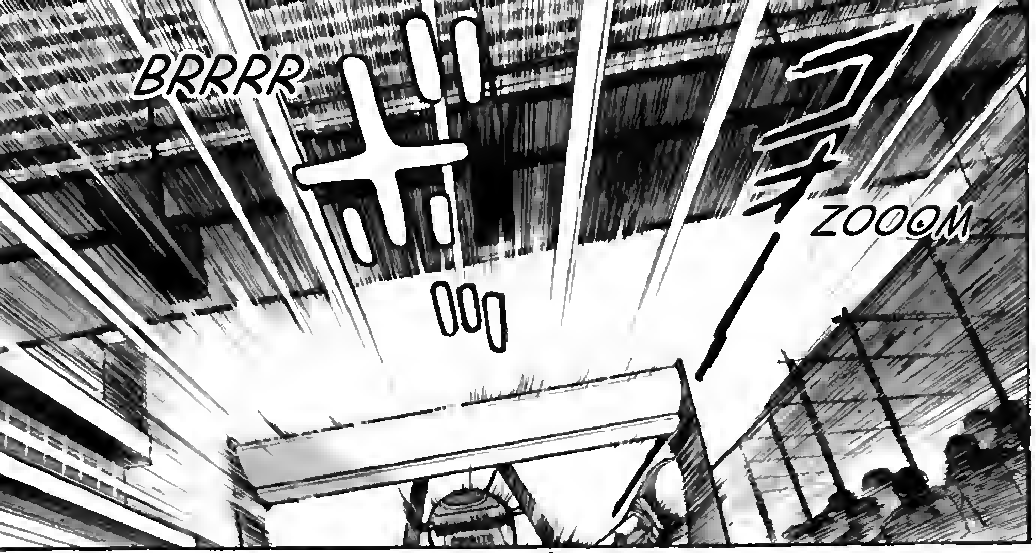

VRRR

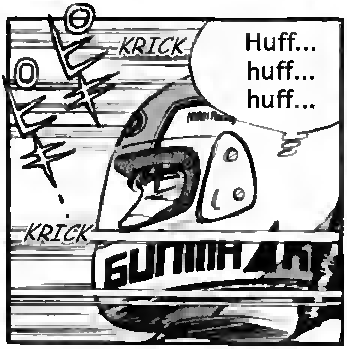

VRRR
And... my head feels real fuzzy-zy...

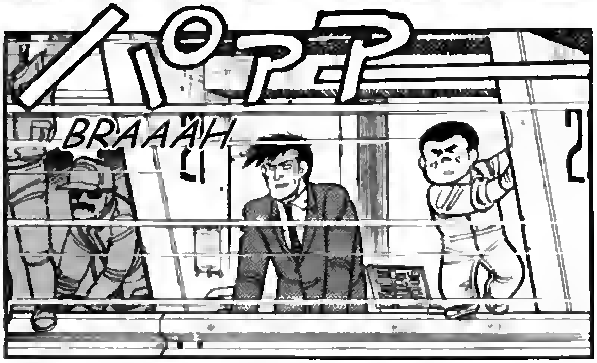

I think... I hurt muh neck real bad... Hard to t-talk right...
God... damn... it.

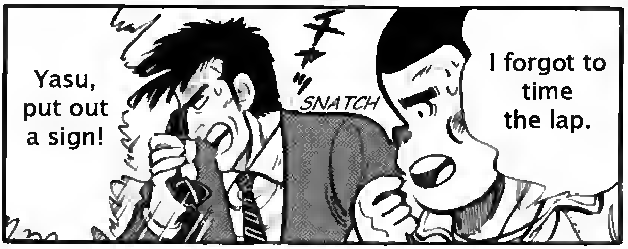
VRRR
That wall is coming on... fast...
Man... this course is real narro-row...
Phew... that was... c-close.
GUNMA
SCREETCH
PHOENIX
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
GUNMA
60
PHOENIX
PHOENIX
I can smell the sea.
GUN


ZSSHHH
Oh.
Damn... I can't remember the course.
VRRR
I-I guess I made it to the s-seaside course...
CLENCH
This wind is harsh... It's pushing me around...
GUNMA
SLIP


BRRRR
ZOOOM

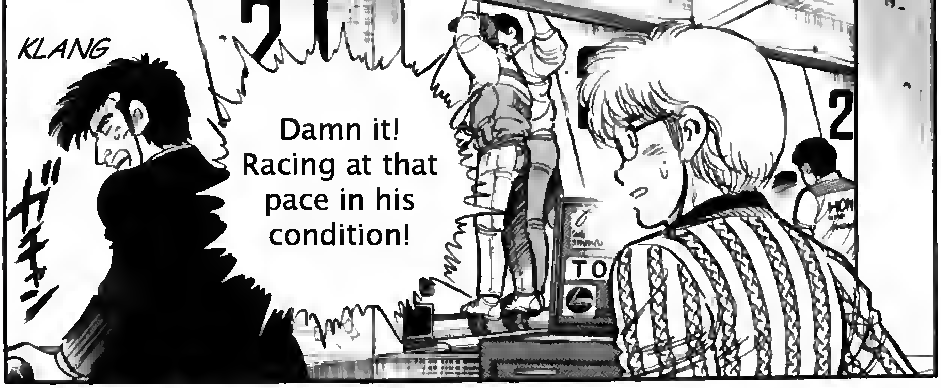

KRICK
Huff... huff... huff...
KRICK

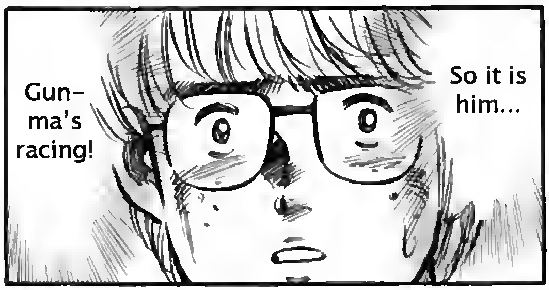

BRAAAH

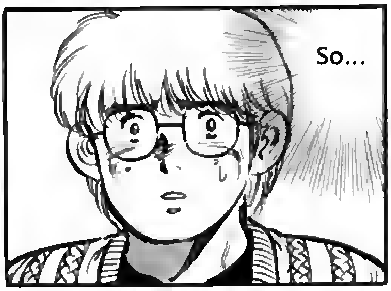

Yasu, put out a sign!
SNATCH
I forgot to time the lap.

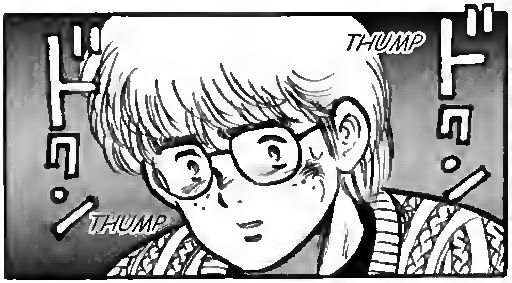
What's the time!?
Uh...

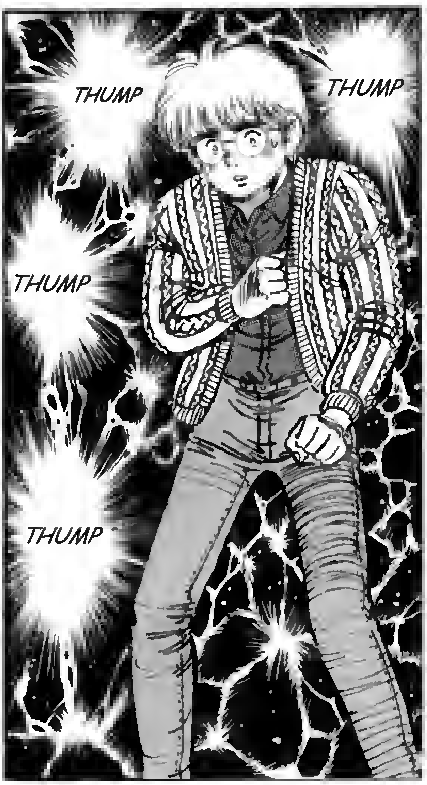
Have it say "Don't go any faster if you wanna live!"


KLANG
ガキン
Damn it! Racing at that pace in his condition!
2
2
TO


Gun-ma's racing!
So it is him...


So...


THUMP
THUMP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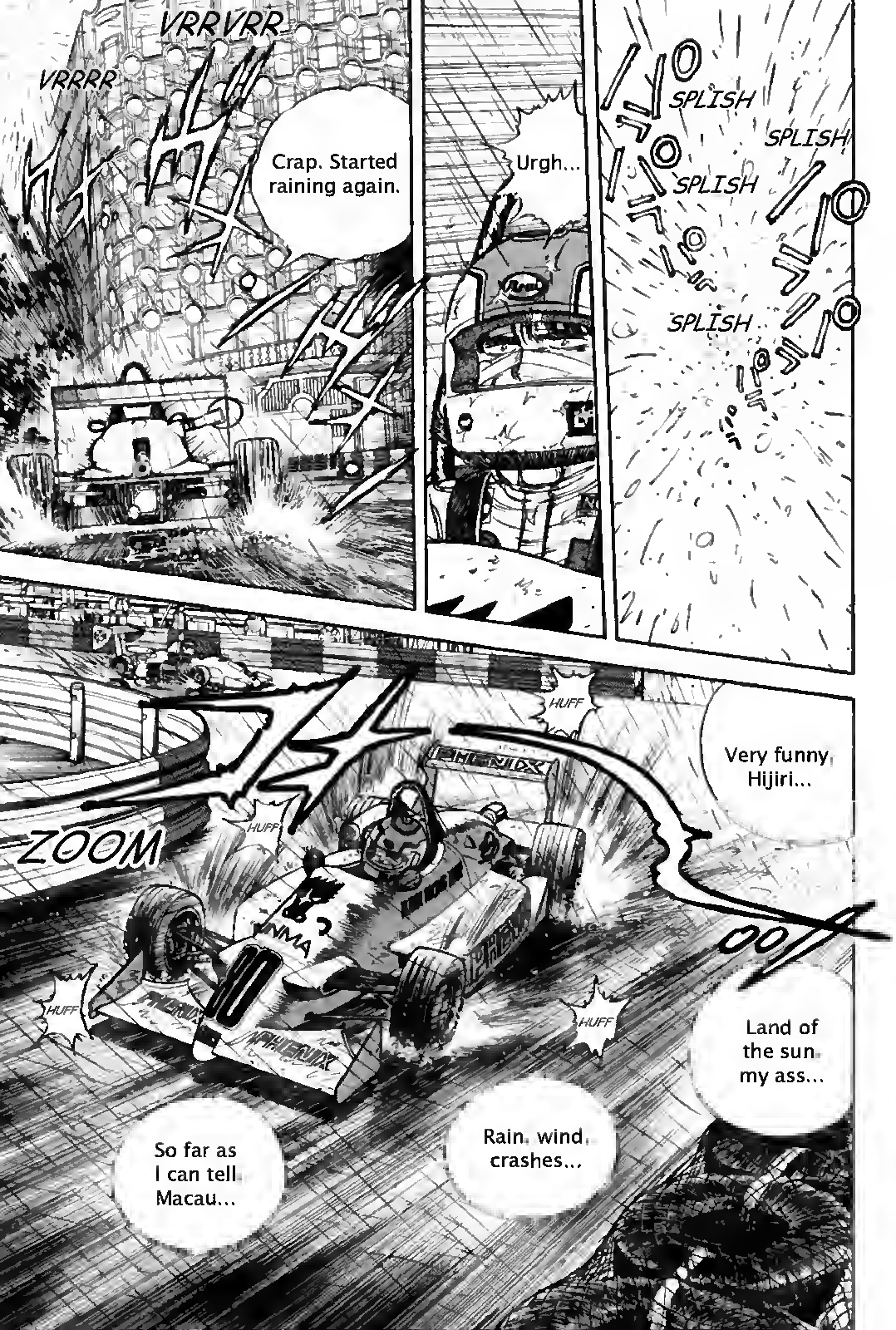
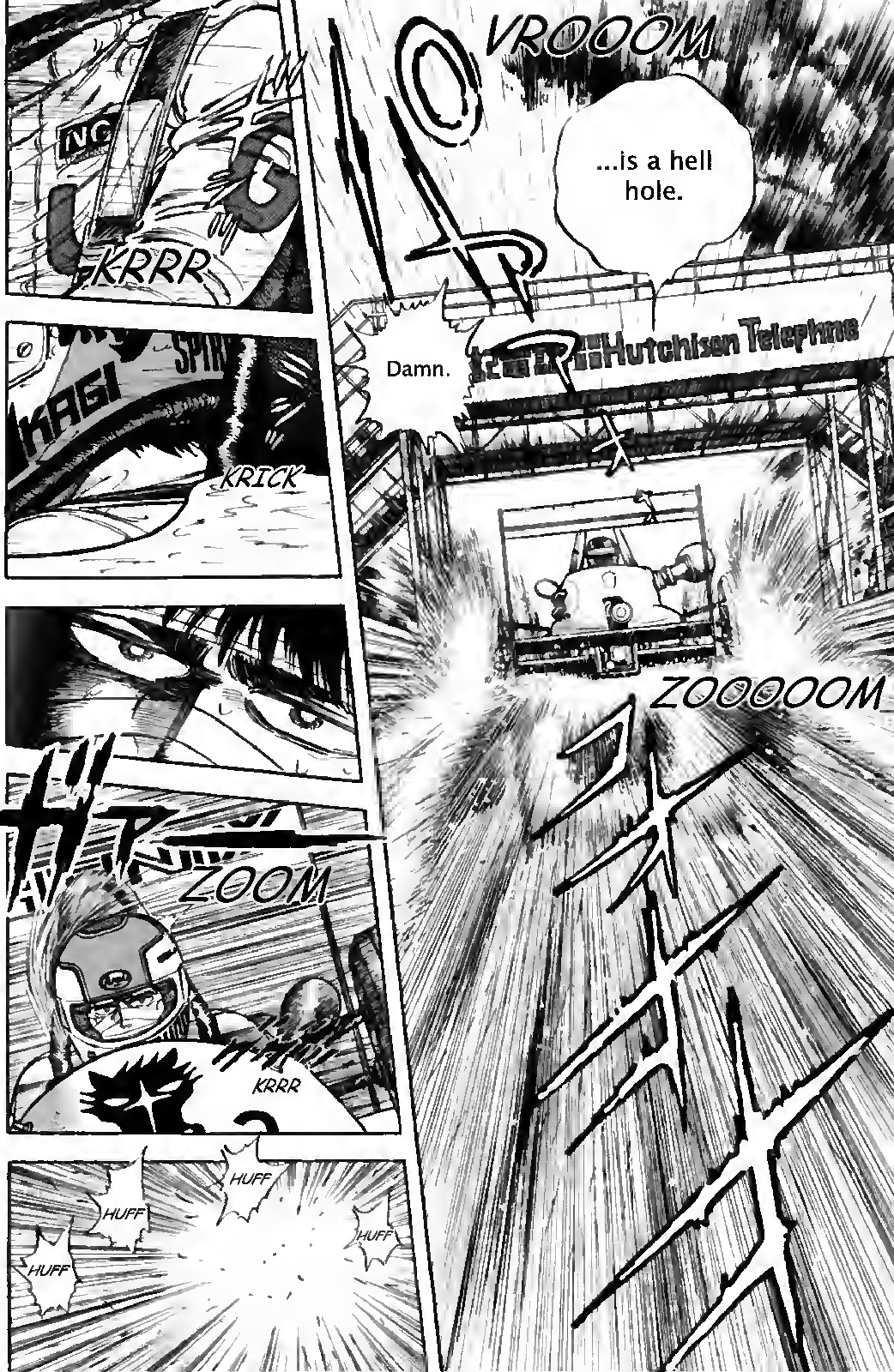
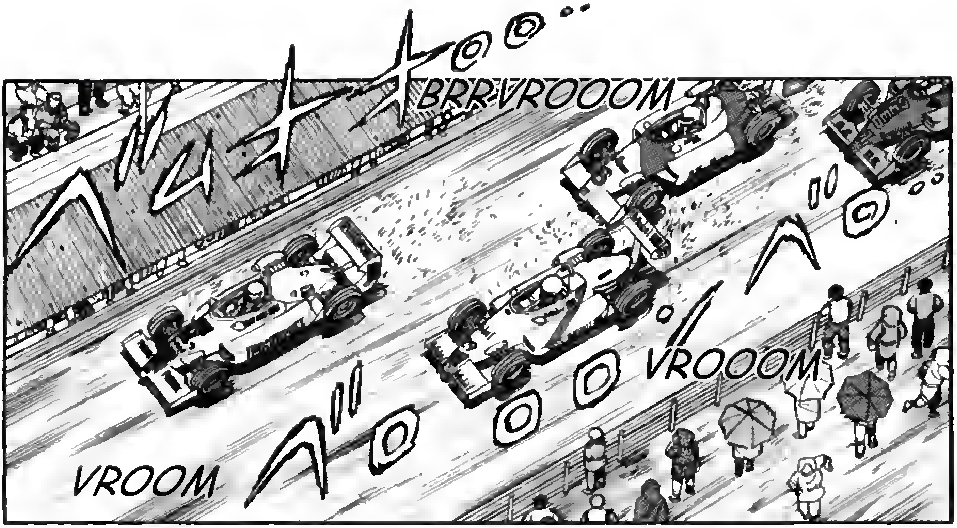
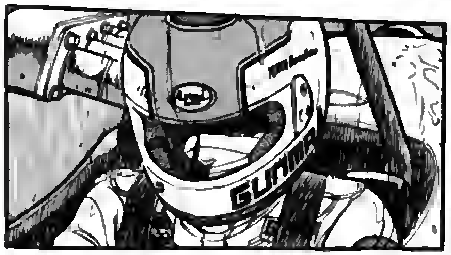
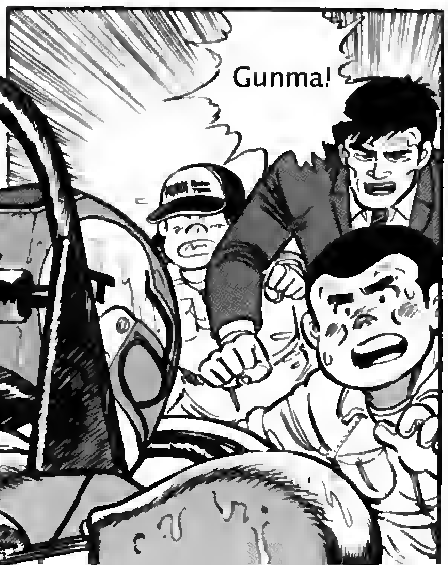

VRRVRR
VRRRR
Crap. Started raining again.
Urgh...
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
HUFF
Very funny, Hijiri...
ZOOM
HUFF
VVMA
HUFF
HUFF
Land of the sun, my ass...
Rain, wind, crashes...
So far as I can tell, Macau...

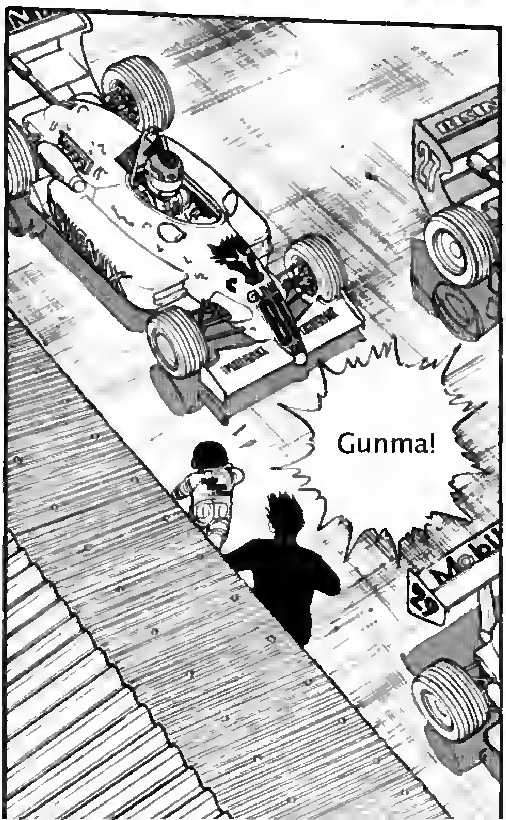

KRRR
KAGI
KRICK
VROOOM
...is a hell hole.
Damn.
Hutchison Telephone
ZOOOOOM
ZOOM
KRRR
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


BRRVROOOM
VROOM
VROOOM

PERDIGAO

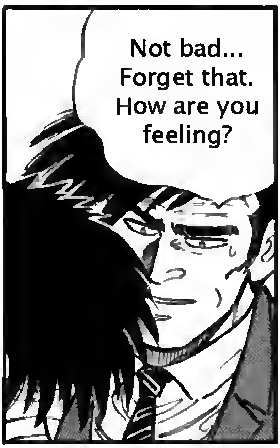

GUNMA


Gunma!


Gunma!

What's going on over there?
MUTTER
MUTTER

No problem here!
Oh. Haha! Don't worry about it!
だっはっはっはっはっ
HA-HA
HA
HA
HA
HA


Not bad... Forget that. How are you feeling?

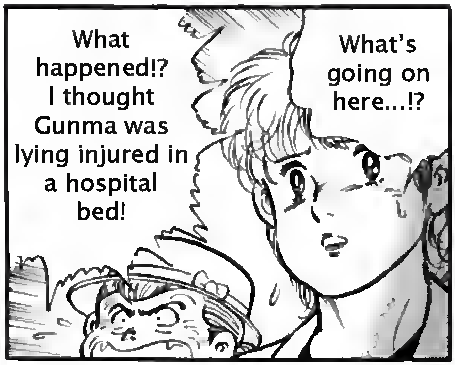
My time...?

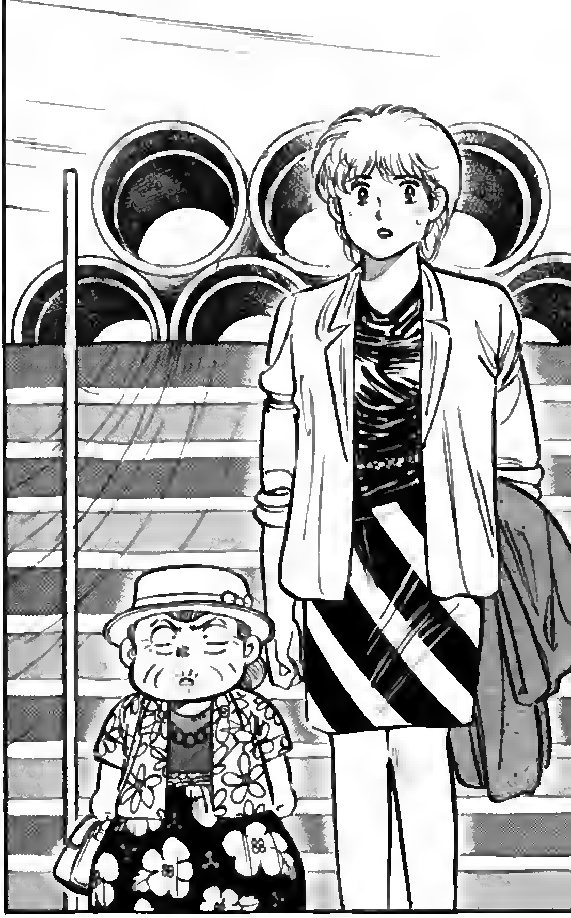
You all right!?

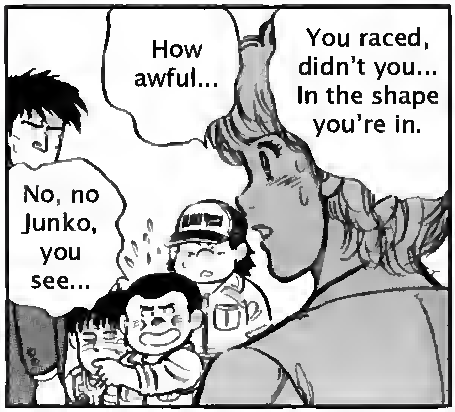
And I can't t-talk-alk so good.
Right... My head is kind of fuzzy.

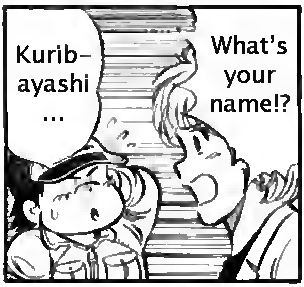
Urgh...
Not surprising. You had whiplash too...

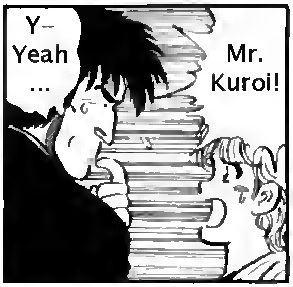
Gu... Gunma...
BARF うえっ
BARF うえっ...
NG!
Gunma!
Oh... Hey Yuma... What... are you... doing here!?
Why!?
...in that condi-tion!?
Why did you race...

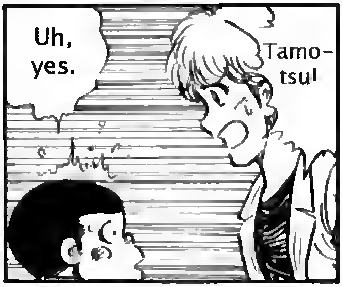

What happened!? I thought Gunma was lying injured in a hospital bed!
What's going on here...!?

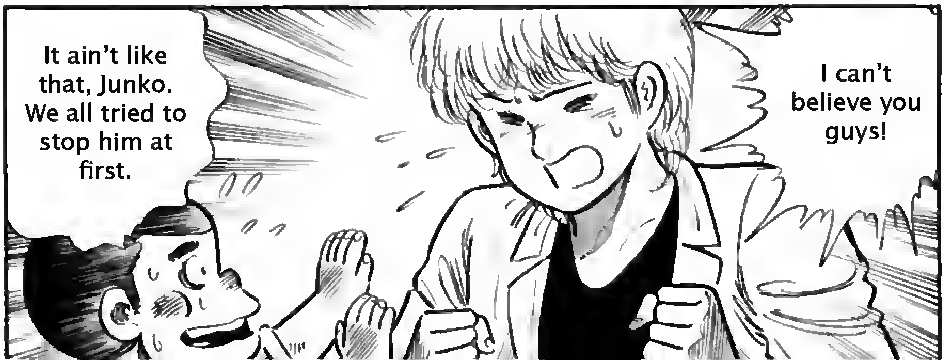



How awful...
You raced, didn't you... In the shape you're in.
No, no Junko, you see...

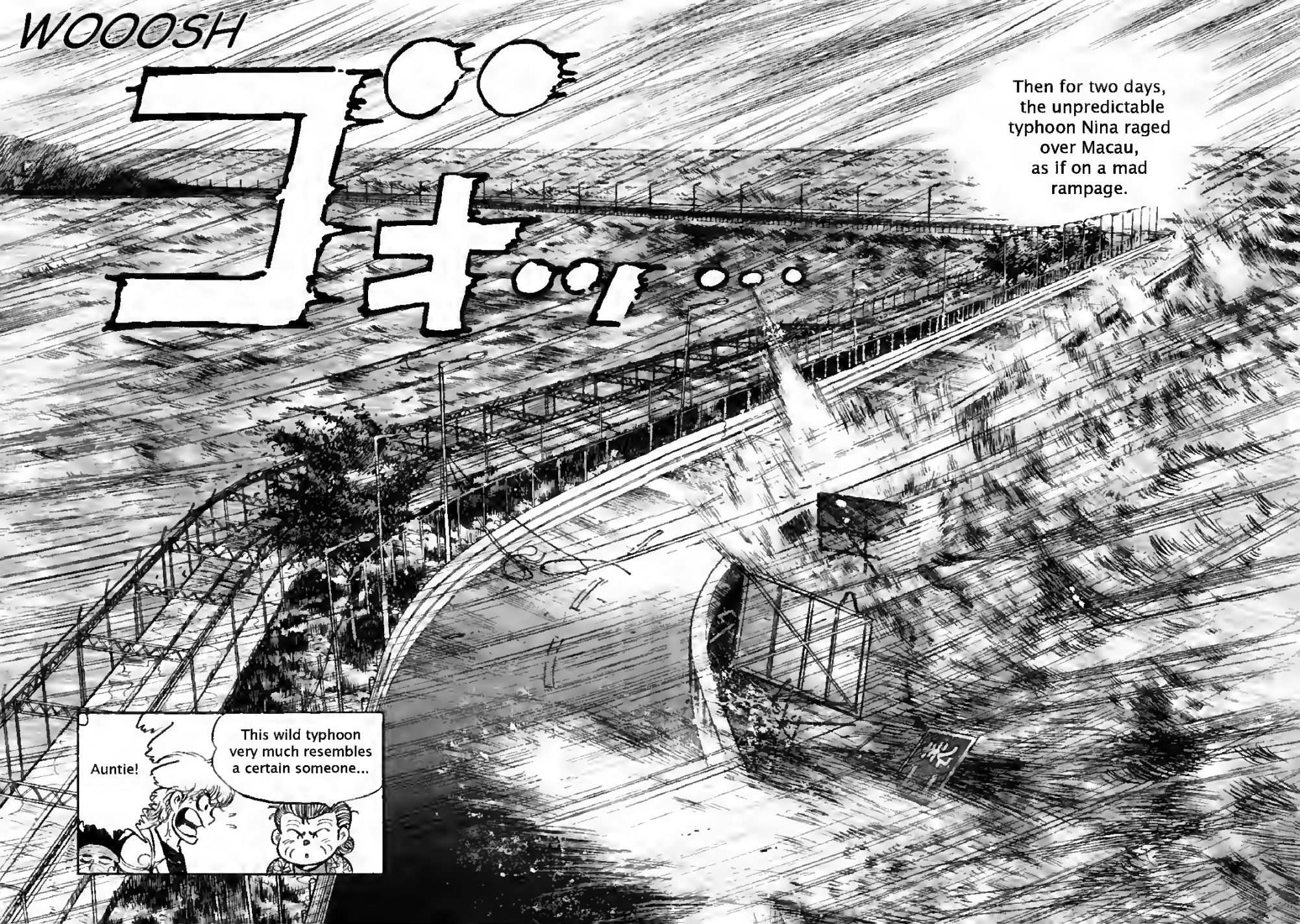

Kurib-ayashi ...
What's your name!?


Y-Yeah ...
Mr. Kuroi!


Uh, yes.
Tamo-tsu!


It ain't like that, Junko. We all tried to stop him at first.
I can't believe you guys!

Why you...!
TWITCH
Grr...
KURO! Racing Team
They forced me into the race car against my will.
Ju... Junko... Please save me!
I feel so used...
Junko! Junko!
Let's go back to the hotel.
HOP SKIP
Men really are just hopeless!
KURO! Racing Team
a minute
Wait
...
WOOSH
WOOSH


WOOOSH
ゴォォォ…
Then for two days, the unpredictable typhoon Nina raged over Macau, as if on a mad rampage.
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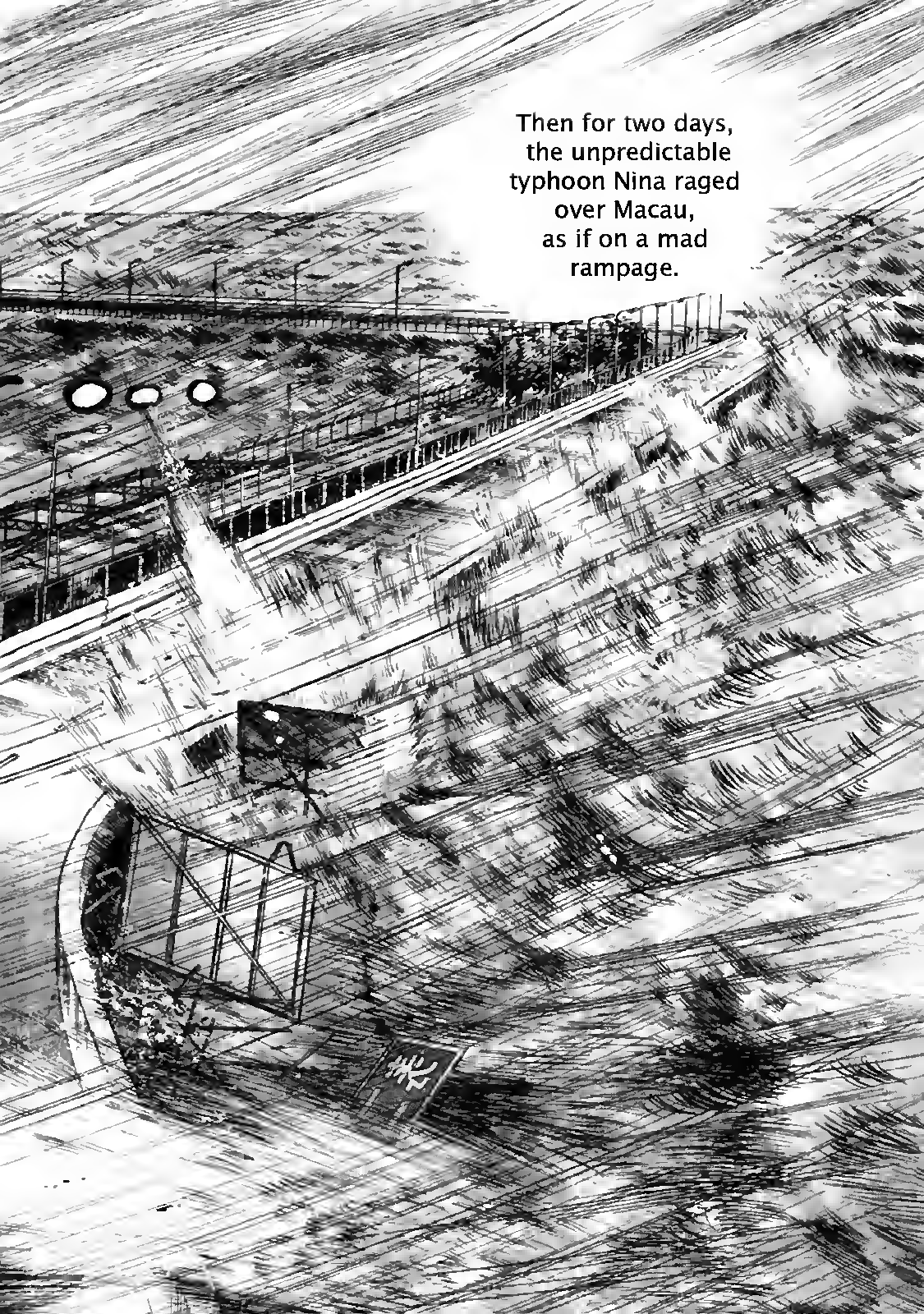
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WOOOSH
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The typhoon passed.
The weather in Macau recovered just in time for the final.
YAK
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Marlboro
West
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PHENIX
NGK

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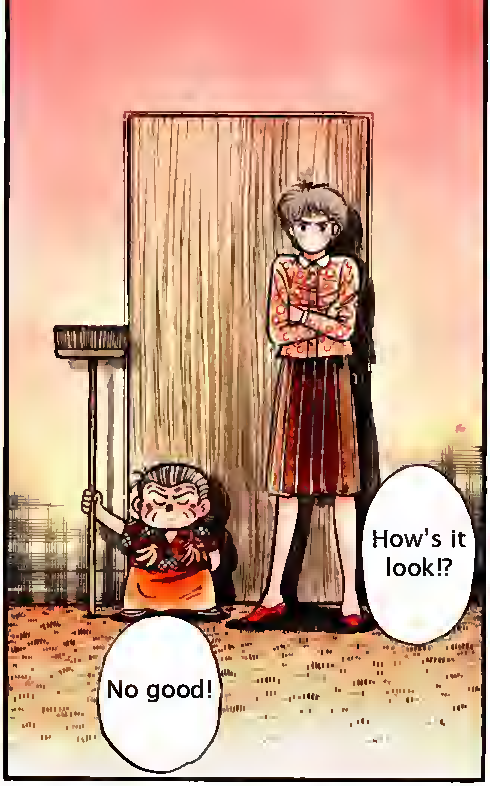
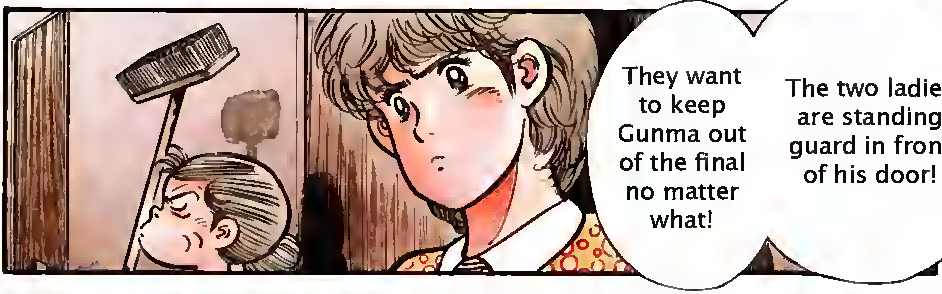
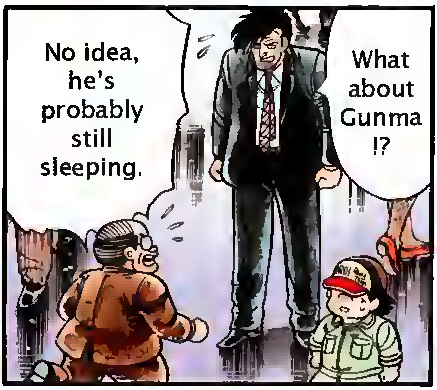

How's it look!?
No good!

Lakeside Hole


They want to keep Gunma out of the final no matter what!
The two ladies are standing guard in front of his door!

Wha-Wha-Wha...!? I-I don't know what to do!
What should we do? The free practice session starts soon!


No idea, he's probably still sleeping.
What about Gunma !?

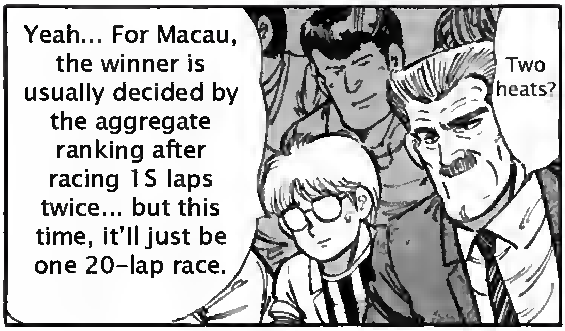
...nothing we can do
There's ...
They're right. We're the ones who are wrong!
Yasu!
Y– Yeah, but...
MUTTER
MUTTER
The best we can do for Gunma is to let him rest and recover.
Those two women are in the right, after all.
We're wrong, because of how worked up we are!
K... Kuroi...
Let's just give up...
We just got a little too worked up...!

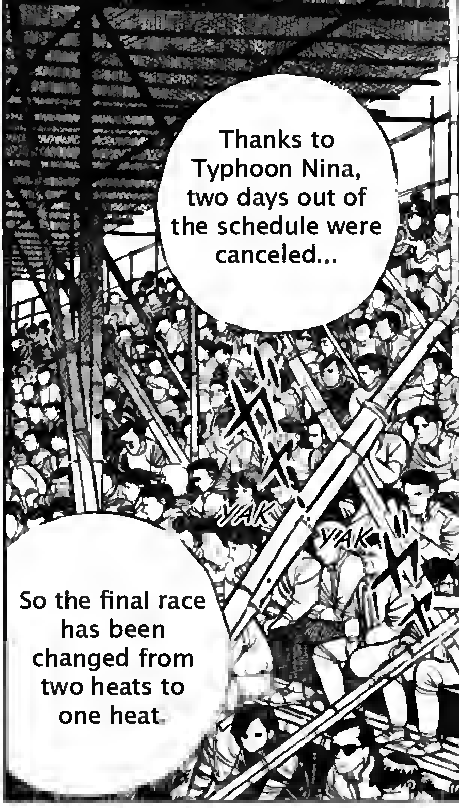
KREE
ギギギ…
ギ…
KRRR
WOOSH
ギ…
ギ…
KRRR
KRRR

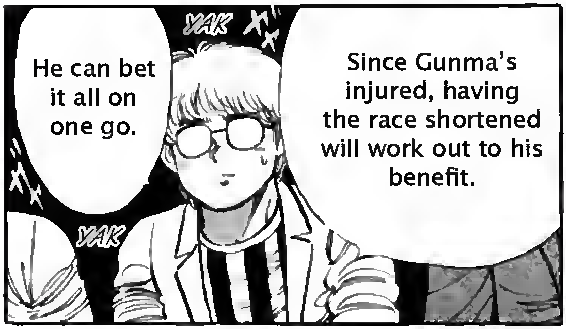
Ah...
FLAP
FLAP
Normally, I'd just kick down the door, slap her across the face...
Damn it Junko, actin' all high and mighty 'cause I'm hurt... Won't even open the door.
...then toss her onto the bed.
WOOSH
Phew.
That was ama-zing...
You can't race with your body in that condition!
Wait! Don't go!
Well, I'm off then.
Ain't gonna work that way. If I ride you and not the car, that would just make the car jealous!
Come on now...
NGK

What's all the fuss about out here...?
YAK
?
YAK
YAK
YAK
YAK
FLAP
FLAP
And then I'd be all like...
Heh heh heh...
WOOSH
!!
TAK
TAK TAK TAK
What the hell is he doing!?
Wha...

Wh-What the hell are you doing!?
Why are you running around up there!?
TAK
TAK-TAK-TAK
It's blowing me around!
...I can't go straight down.
The wind's too strong, and...
Isn't it obvious...!?
TAK-TAK TAK-TAK
HOP ピョーン
HOP ピョーン
HOP ピョーン
If you cry here...
What a joke...
...
What are you crying for!
G-Gunma, I'm so moved... You really want to race, huh...?
PLOP
PLOP PLOP

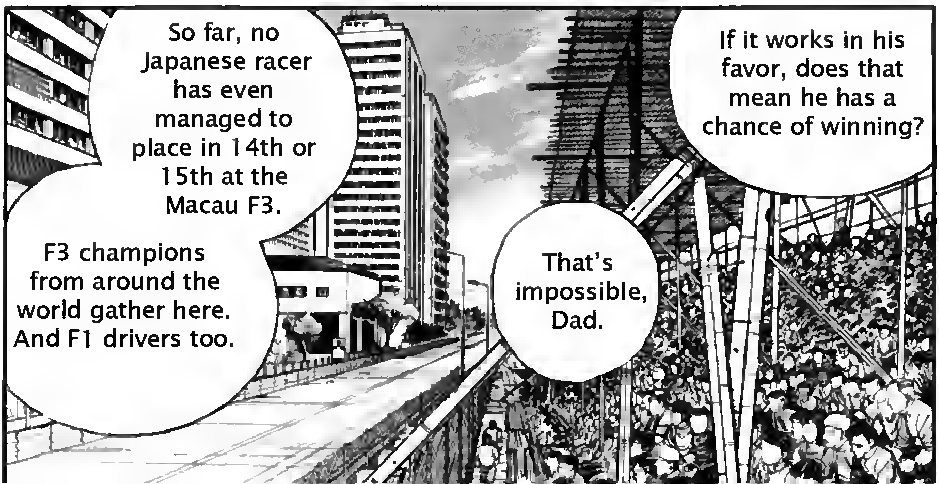

Yeah... For Macau, the winner is usually decided by the aggregate ranking after racing 15 laps twice... but this time, it'll just be one 20-lap race.
Two heats?


Thanks to Typhoon Nina, two days out of the schedule were canceled...
YAK
YAK
So the final race has been changed from two heats to one heat.


YAK
He can bet it all on one go.
Since Gunma's injured, having the race shortened will work out to his benefit.
YAK

If he races ...

Yeah.
YAK
YAK
If he actually races.

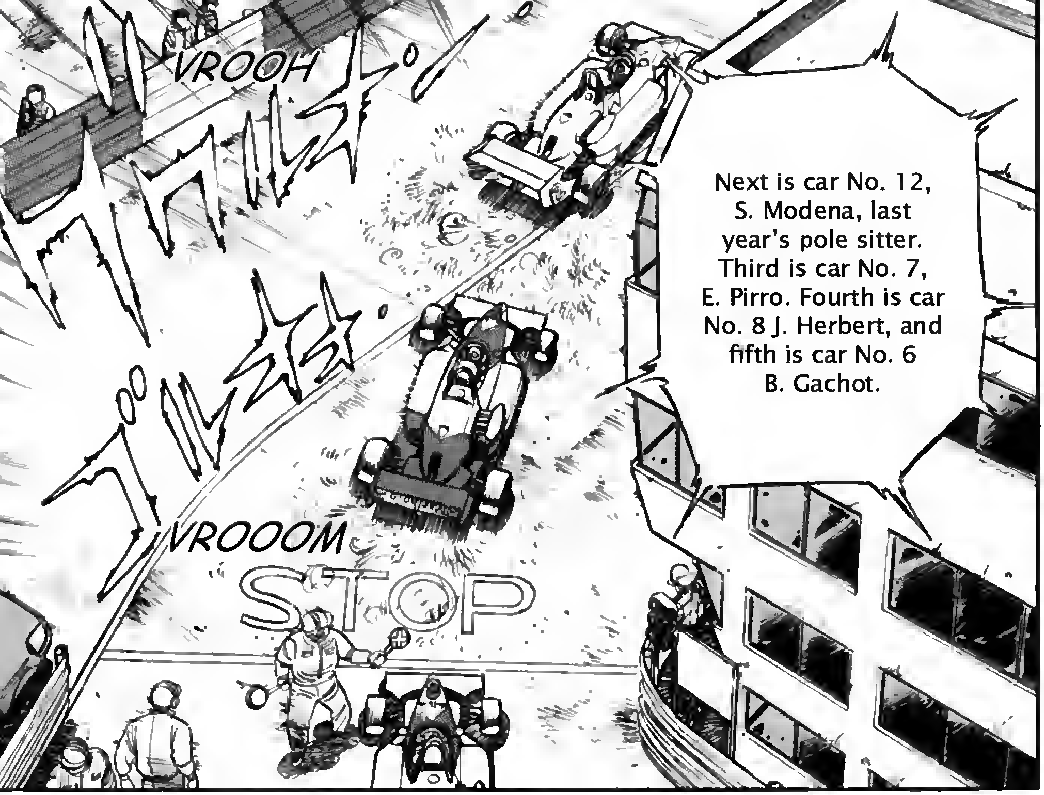

So far, no Japanese racer has even managed to place in 14th or 15th at the Macau F3.
F3 champions from around the world gather here. And F1 drivers too.
That's impossible, Dad.
If it works in his favor, does that mean he has a chance of winning?

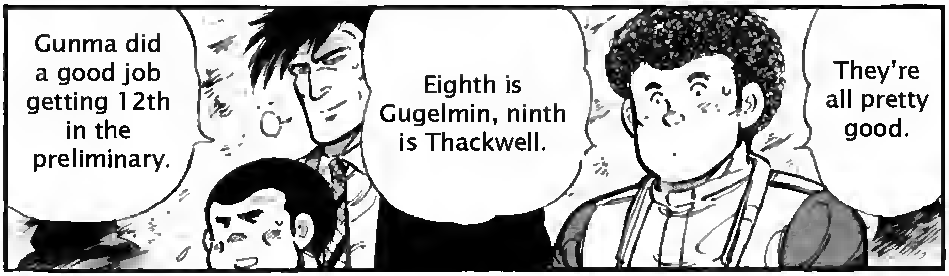
It all depends on the Lisboa Bend, the first corner.
Whoever gets in there first is closest to victory.
There aren't many opportunities to pass.
On top of that, the course is narrow.
And it's on public streets, so with almost no safety zones it's dangerous.
The main highlight of Macau is the scramble for the Lisboa Bend.
Countless cars go charging into that narrow space all at once.
With the cars grinding against each other, it's basically just a street fight.
It's a barbaric, fascinating corner.

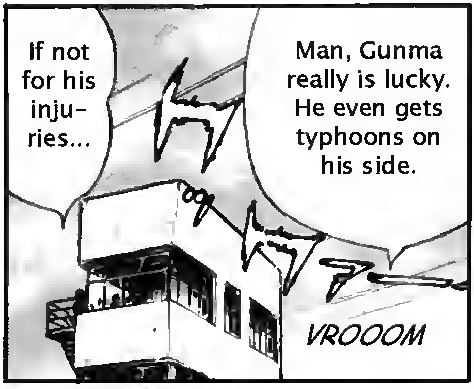
Still, you seem to have done your research.
It's all just stuff I've picked up from books and magazines.
You're quite the expert on this!
...
And besides...
I mean, Gunma's racing in it.
I was just kind of curious, that's all.
Yeah! Let's get this started!
The 34th Macau Grand Prix F3 final race will now begin!
WOOO
Woohoo!
B.B.NG
B.B.NG
...
YAK
YAK
It's about to start.

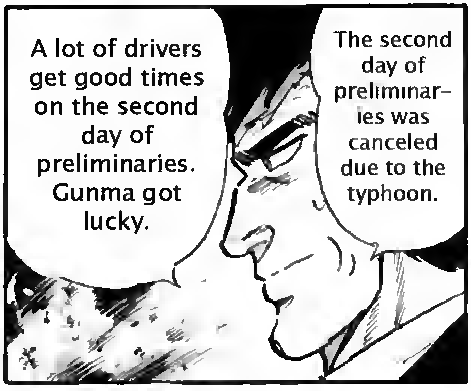
Ha! No way!
What, are you gonna drive if he doesn't!?
Is Gunma really going to show up!?
Goro, take off the tire warmers!
GUNMA
80
See, I'm an intellectual. That's why I could never become a racer!
I get it now. People who drive these things have a screw loose!
I'm done with racing now!
I heard you got hurt. You all right!? A real man of steel, huh!?
Whoa! Gunma, we've been waiting for you! Our hero!
FFWISH
Hey Goro. So you came, huh?
GUNMA
KUROI
Tamotsu... What's my grid position?
Gun-ma...
12th from the front...
TWITCH

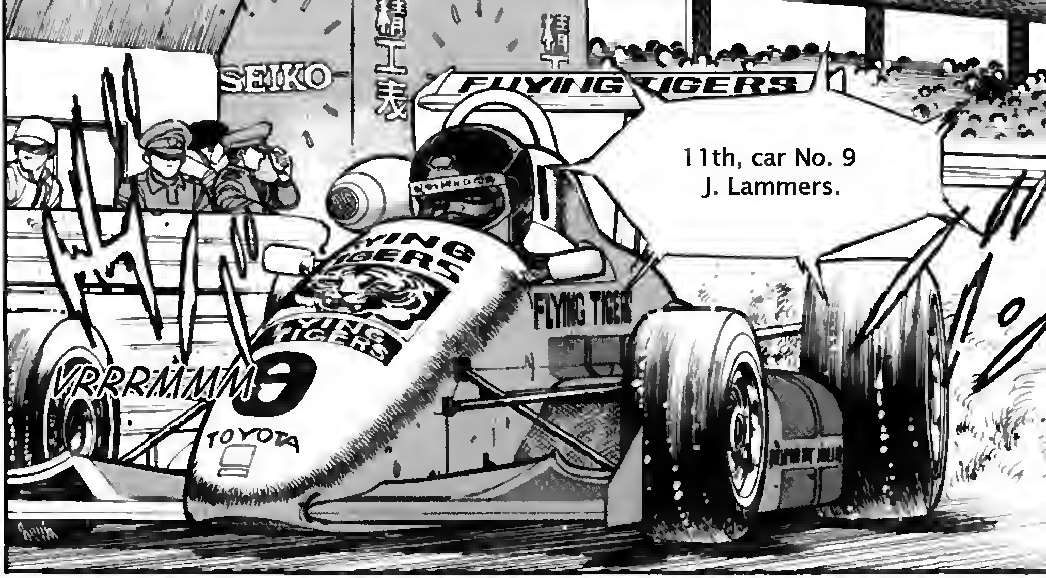
She's probably still guarding the door.
Run to the Lakeside Hotel and tell Junko to watch the race.
Yes-sir!
Hey Goro!
Hmph... 12th, huh?
SWOOSH
He's become a cameraman body and soul...
Ahh! Sorry, my bad! I'll do anything! You can hit me! C'mon, hit me!
Thanks a lot, Goro the intellec-tual.
SNAP SNAP
Right away, sir!
VRRR
In pole position is car No. 11, Martin Donnelly!
VRROOM
VRRR
Watson's


VROOH
VROOOM
STOP
Next is car No. 12, S. Modena, last year's pole sitter. Third is car No. 7, E. Pirro. Fourth is car No. 8 J. Herbert, and fifth is car No. 6 B. Gachot.


Gunma did a good job getting 12th in the preliminary.
Eighth is Gugelmin, ninth is Thackwell.
They're all pretty good.


If not for his injuries...
Man, Gunma really is lucky. He even gets typhoons on his side.
VROOOM


A lot of drivers get good times on the second day of preliminaries. Gunma got lucky.
The second day of preliminaries was canceled due to the typhoon.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11th, car No. 9
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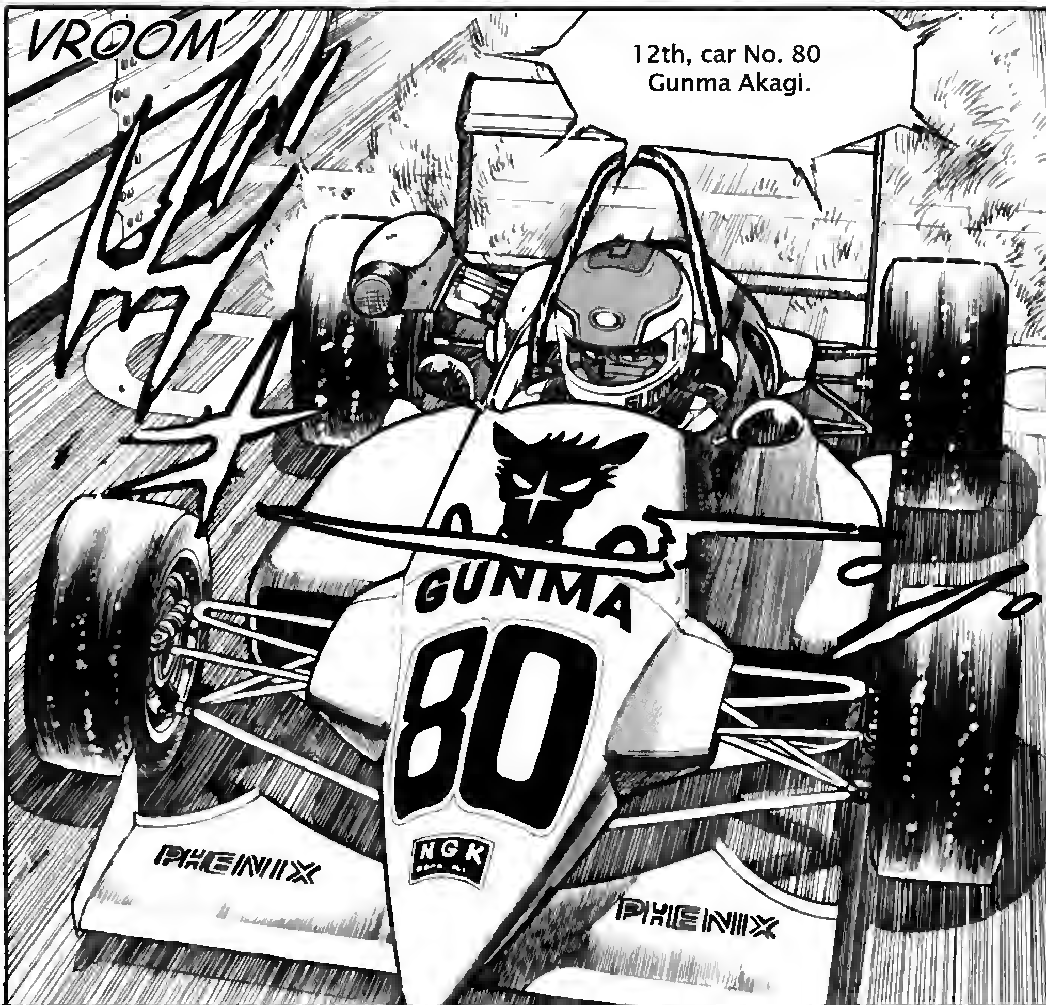
VRRRMMM
TOYOTA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12th, car No. 80
Gunma Akagi.
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PHOENIX
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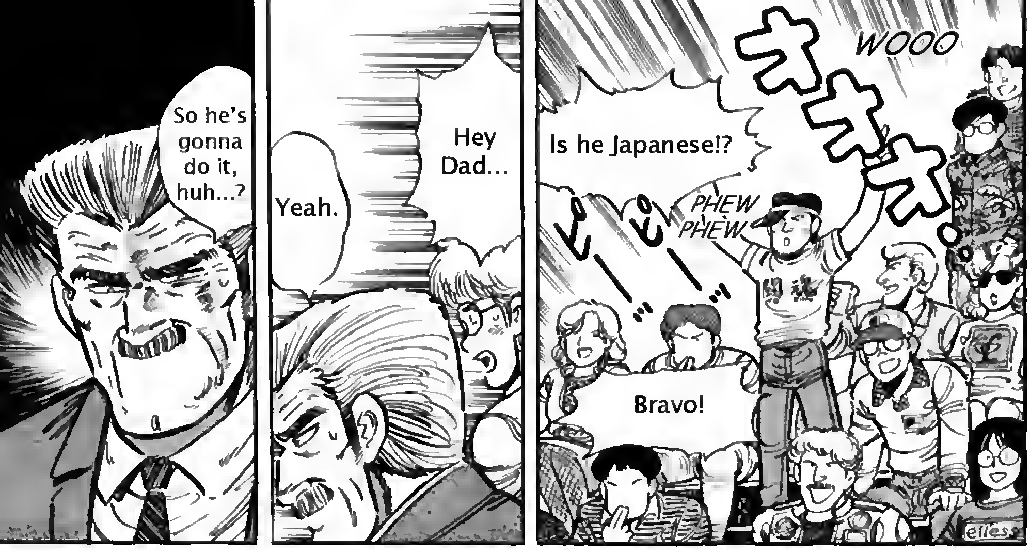
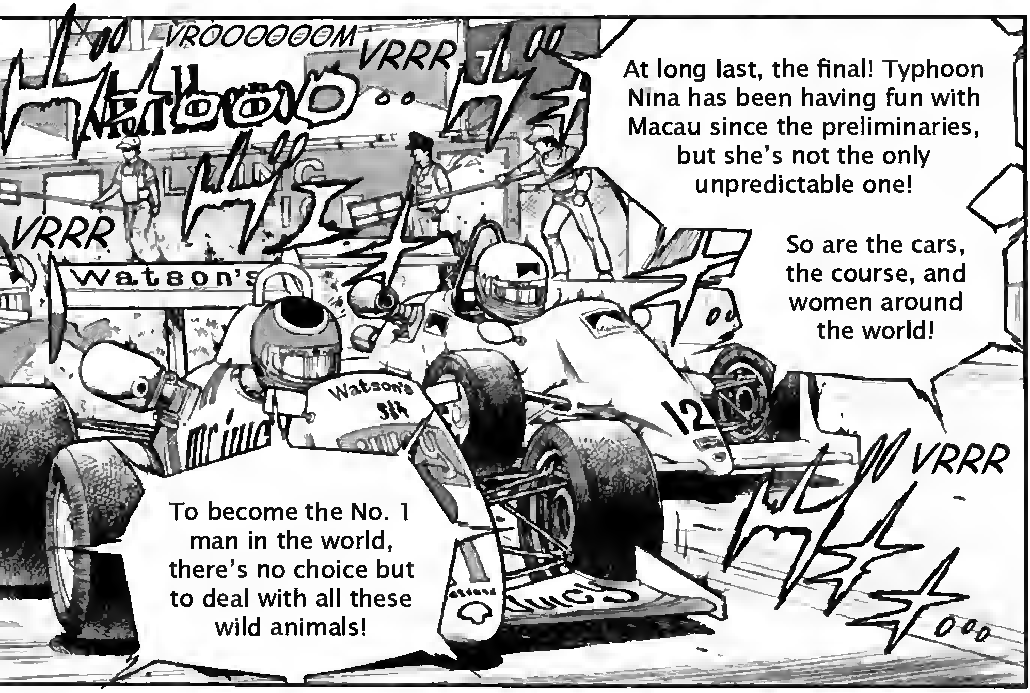
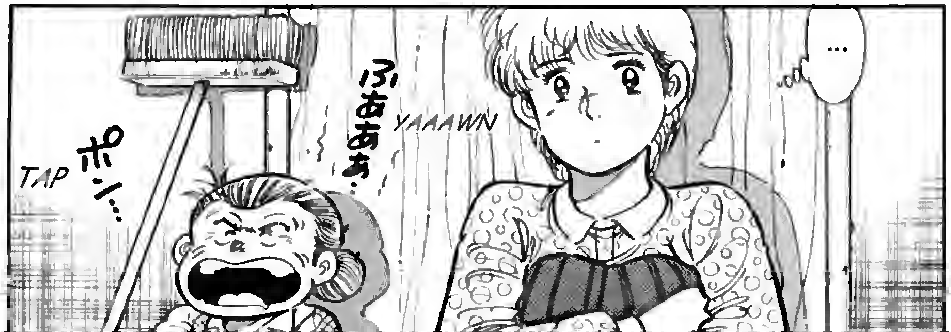

So he's gonna do it, huh...?
Yeah.
Hey Dad...
WOOO
Is he Japanese!?
PHEW PHEW
Bravo!


VROOOOOOM
VRRR
VRRR
VRRR
Watson's
At long last, the final! Typhoon Nina has been having fun with Macau since the preliminaries, but she's not the only unpredictable one!
So are the cars, the course, and women around the world!
To become the No. 1 man in the world, there's no choice but to deal with all these wild animals!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YAAAWN
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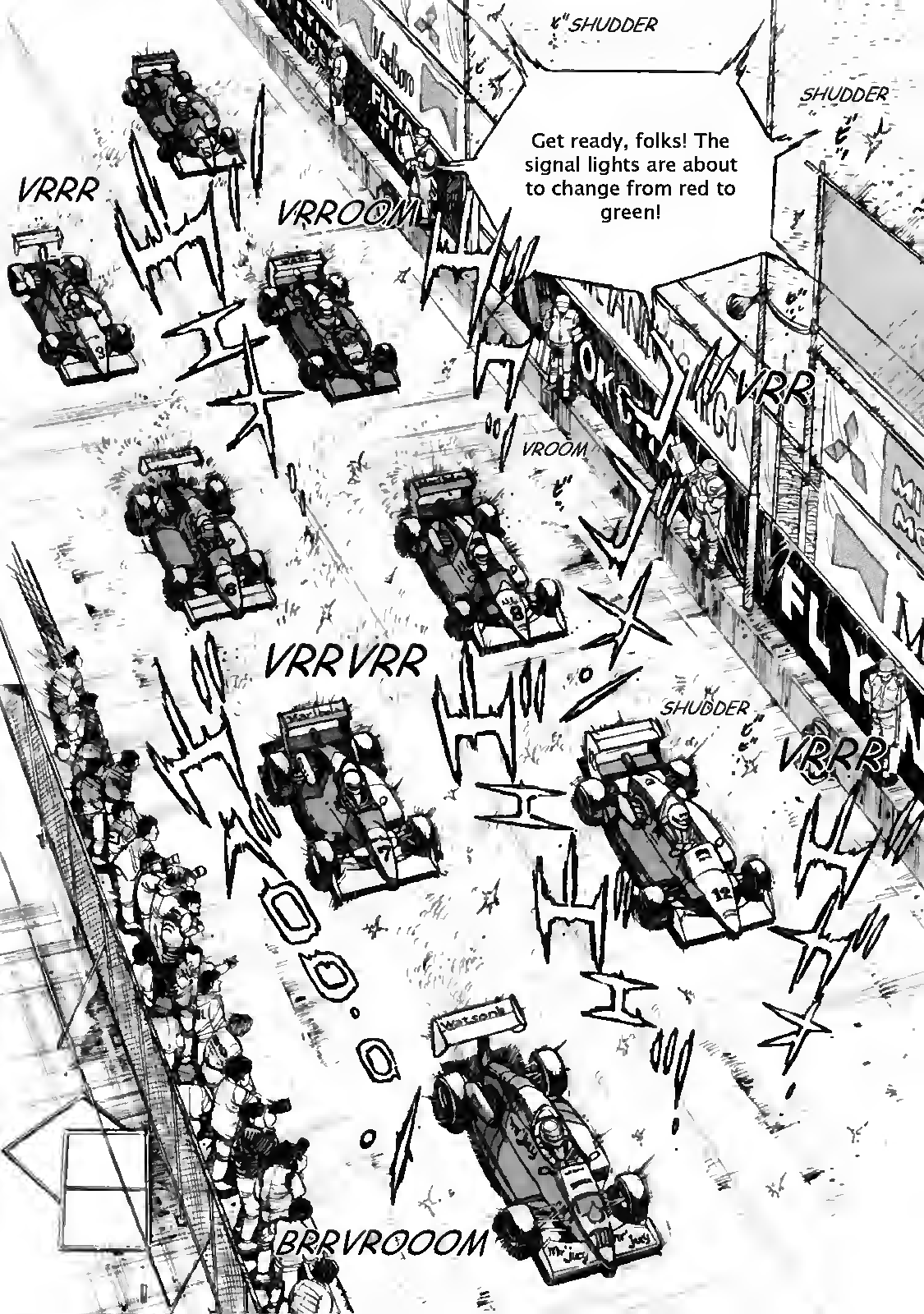
SHUDDER
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Get ready, folks! The signal lights are about to change from red to green!
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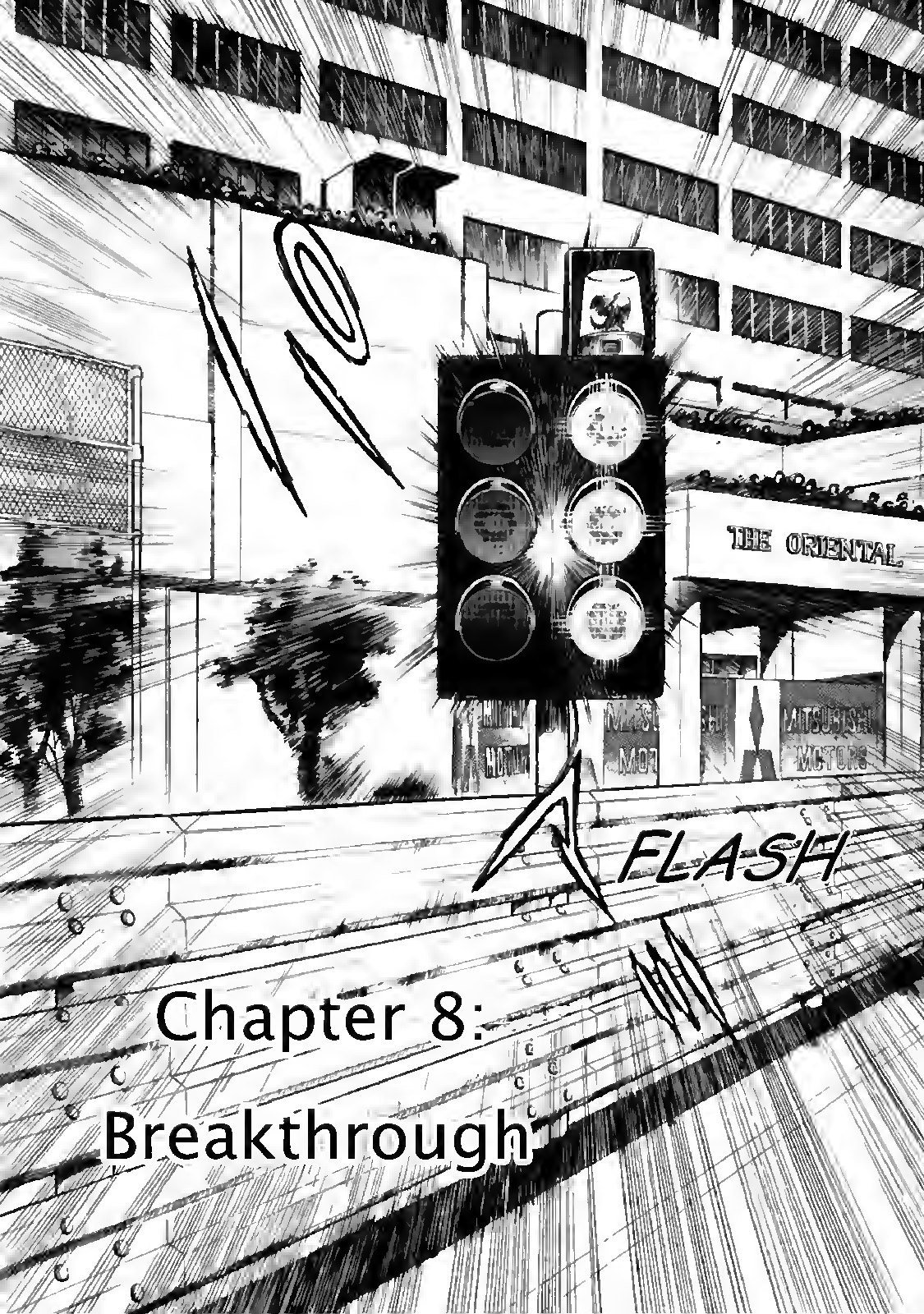
VRRR
BRRVROOOM



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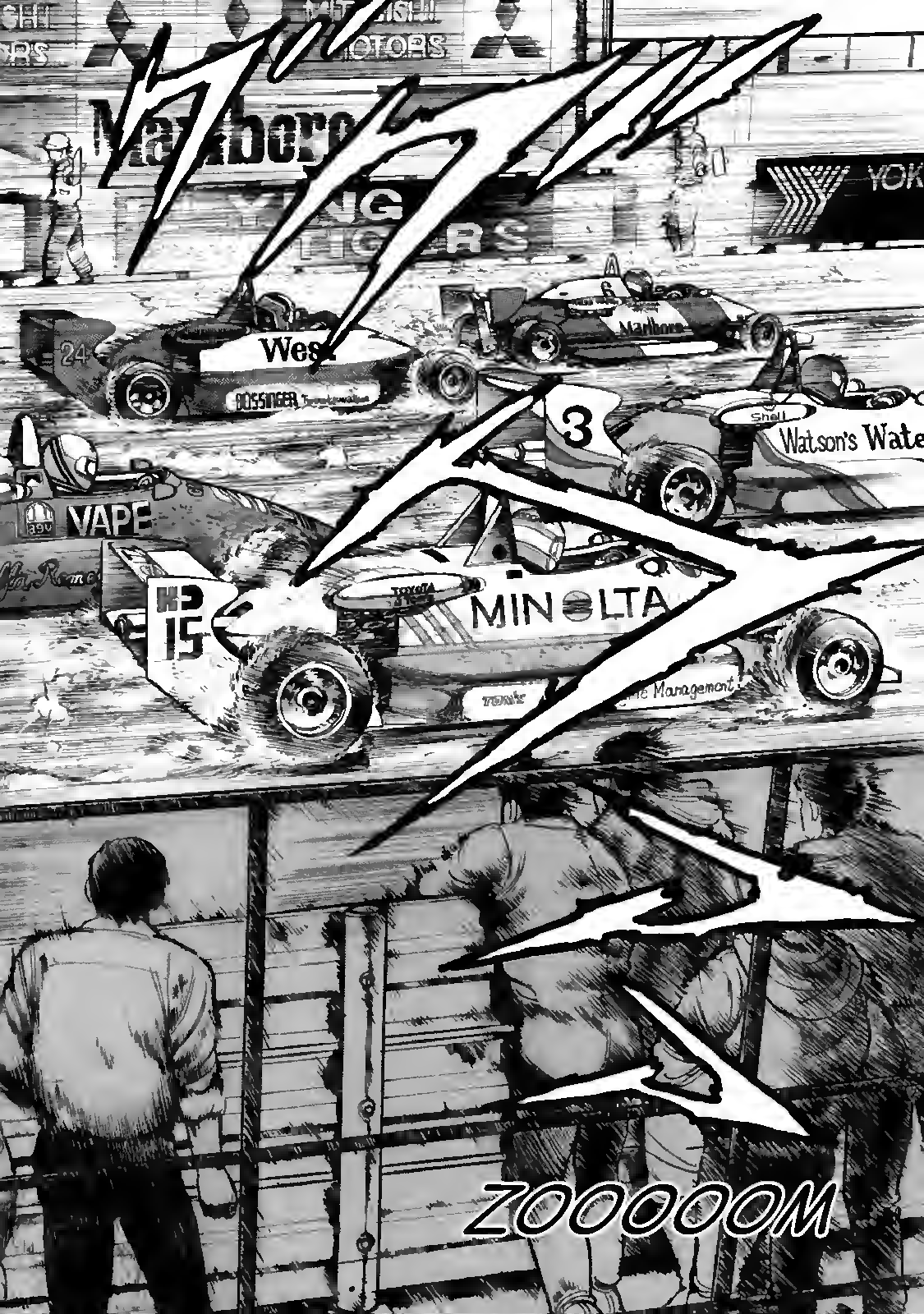
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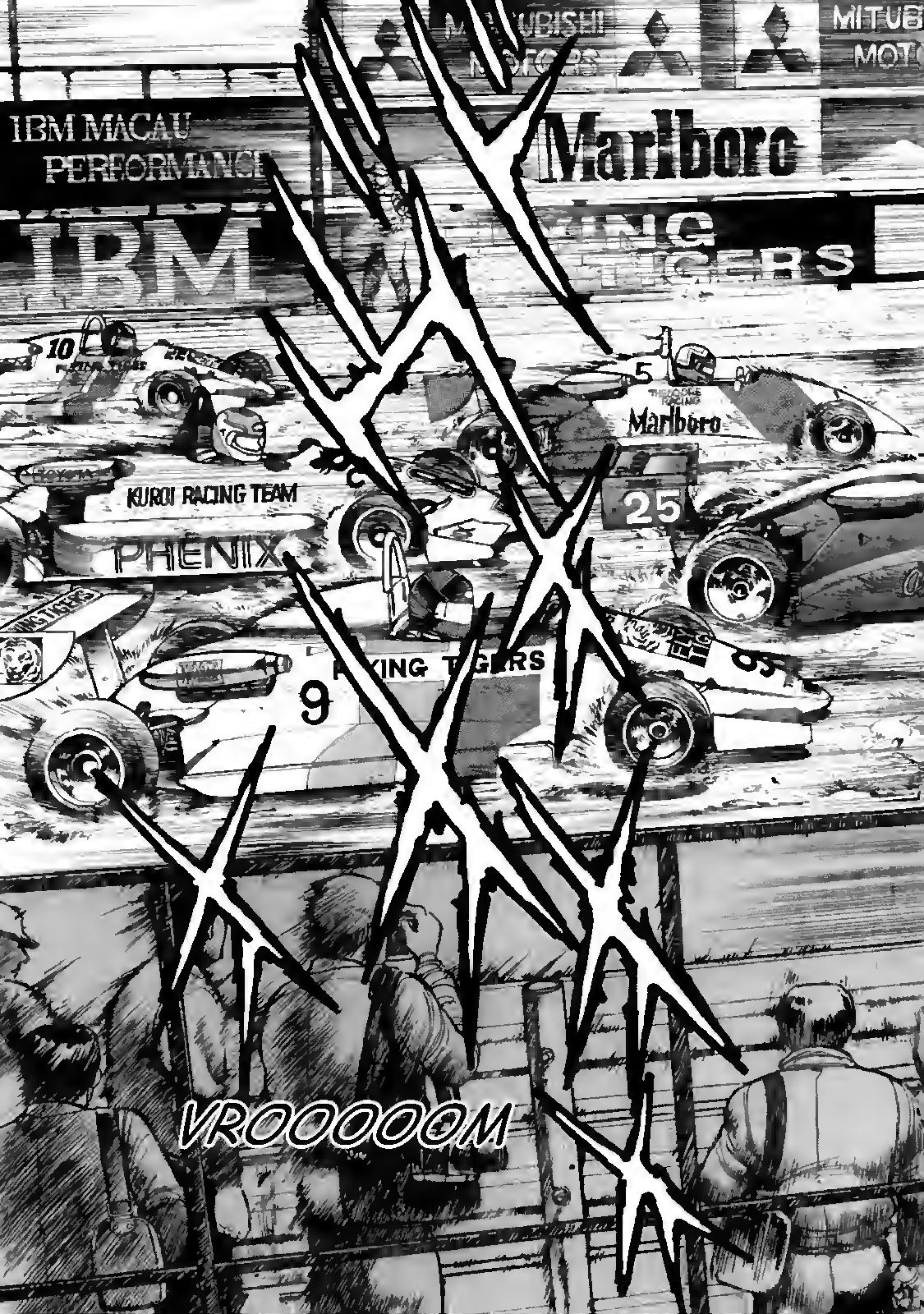
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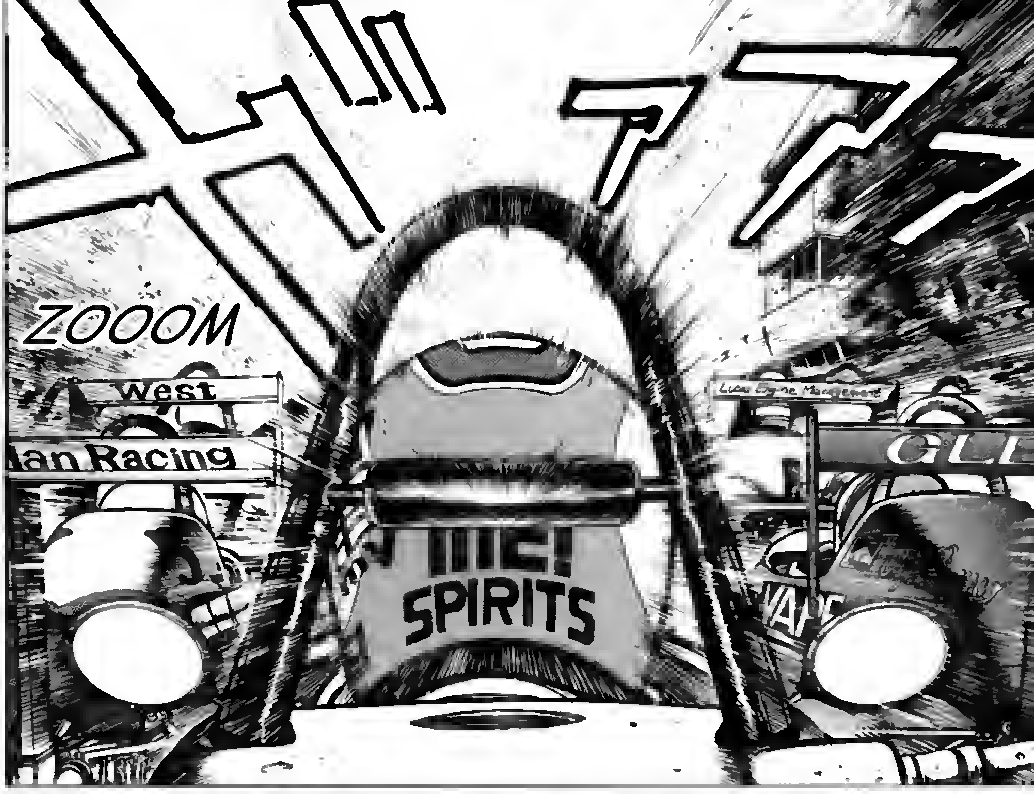
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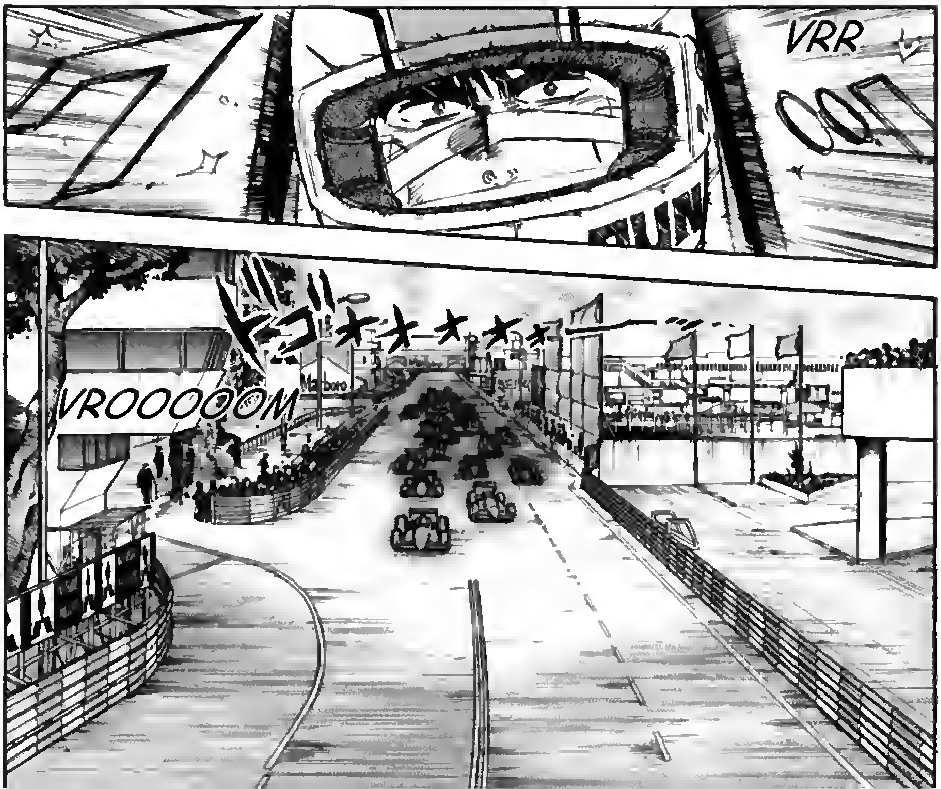
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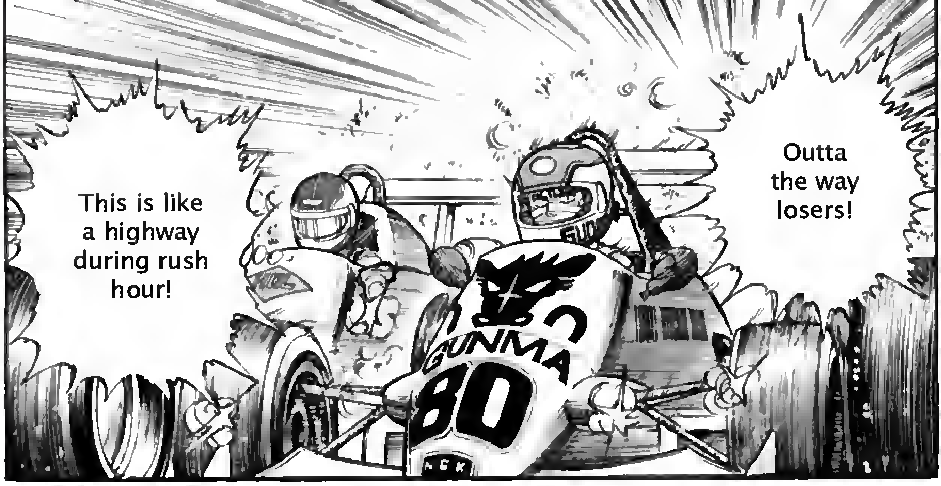
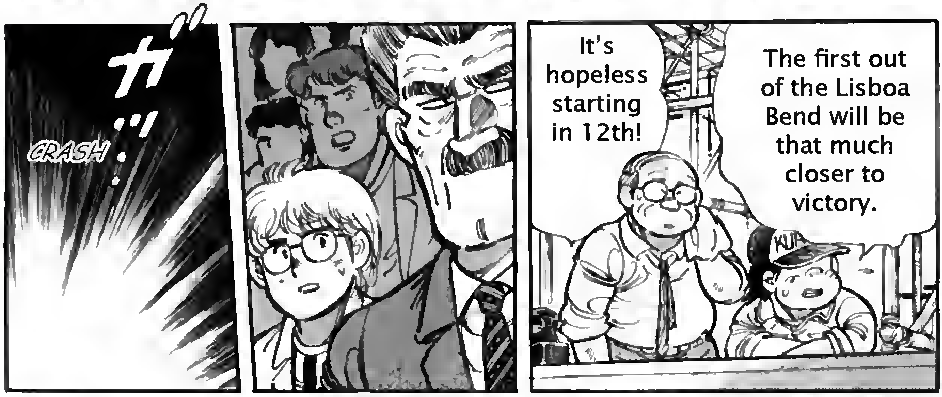
VROOOOOM
Marlboro

ZOOOOOM
SHUDDER
BRAAAH
...
Gun-ma!
The cars have all leaped forward!
It's J. Lammers in front!
SCREETCH
At least for now...
How is he, holding on to 12th!?

It is the spot with the highest likelihood of a crash, especially right after the start!
VRRVRR
Past the home straight awaits the most difficult spot on Macau's Guia Circuit, the Lisboa Bend!
VROOH
VRROOM
SHOOM
Look! The devil awaits with its jaws wide open!
ZOOOOOM


This is like a highway during rush hour!
Outta the way losers!
GUNMA
80


CRASH
It's hopeless starting in 12th!
The first out of the Lisboa Bend will be that much closer to victory.

BANG
FRYING
!?

VRROOM
SCREE
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FLYING TIGERS
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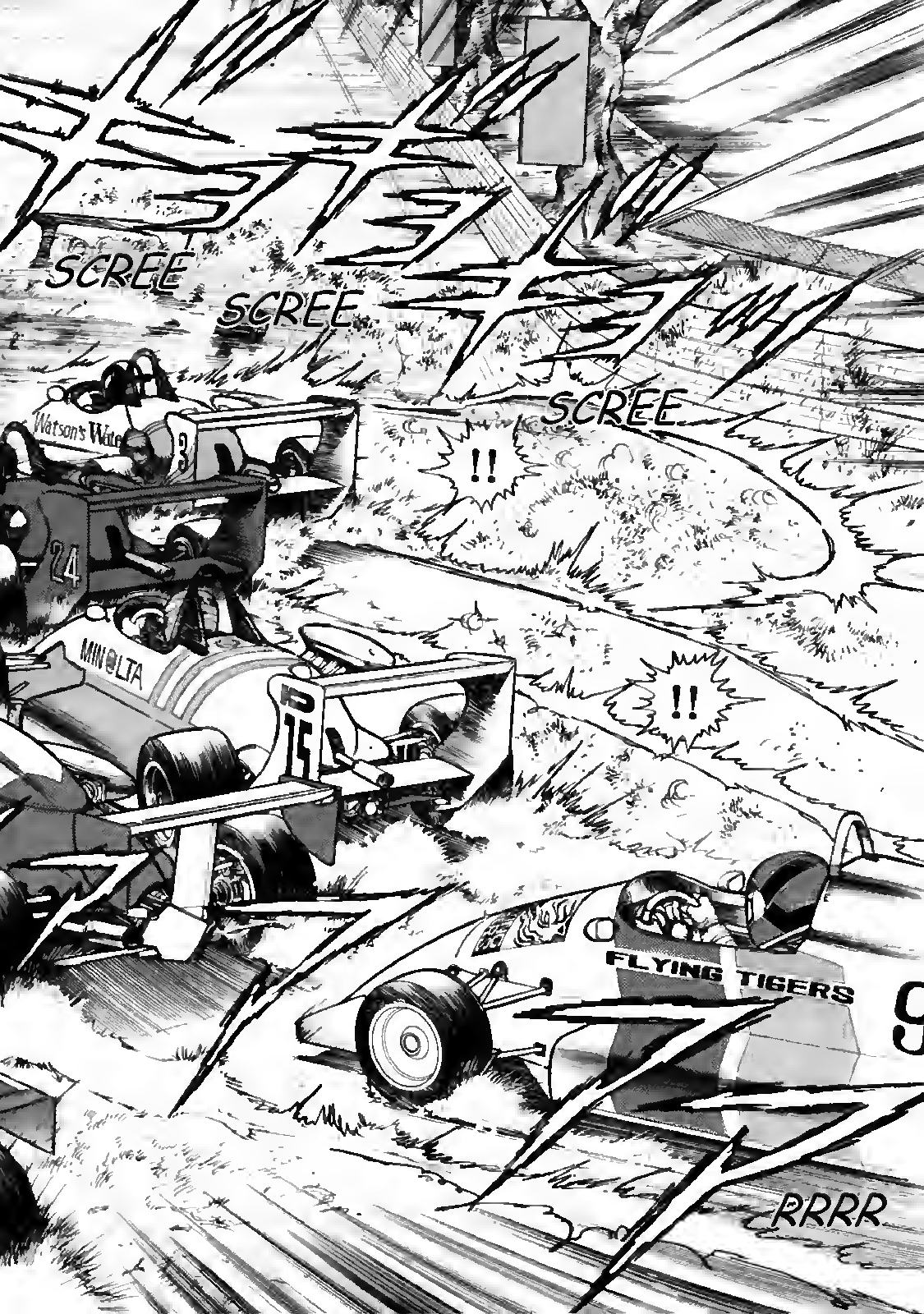
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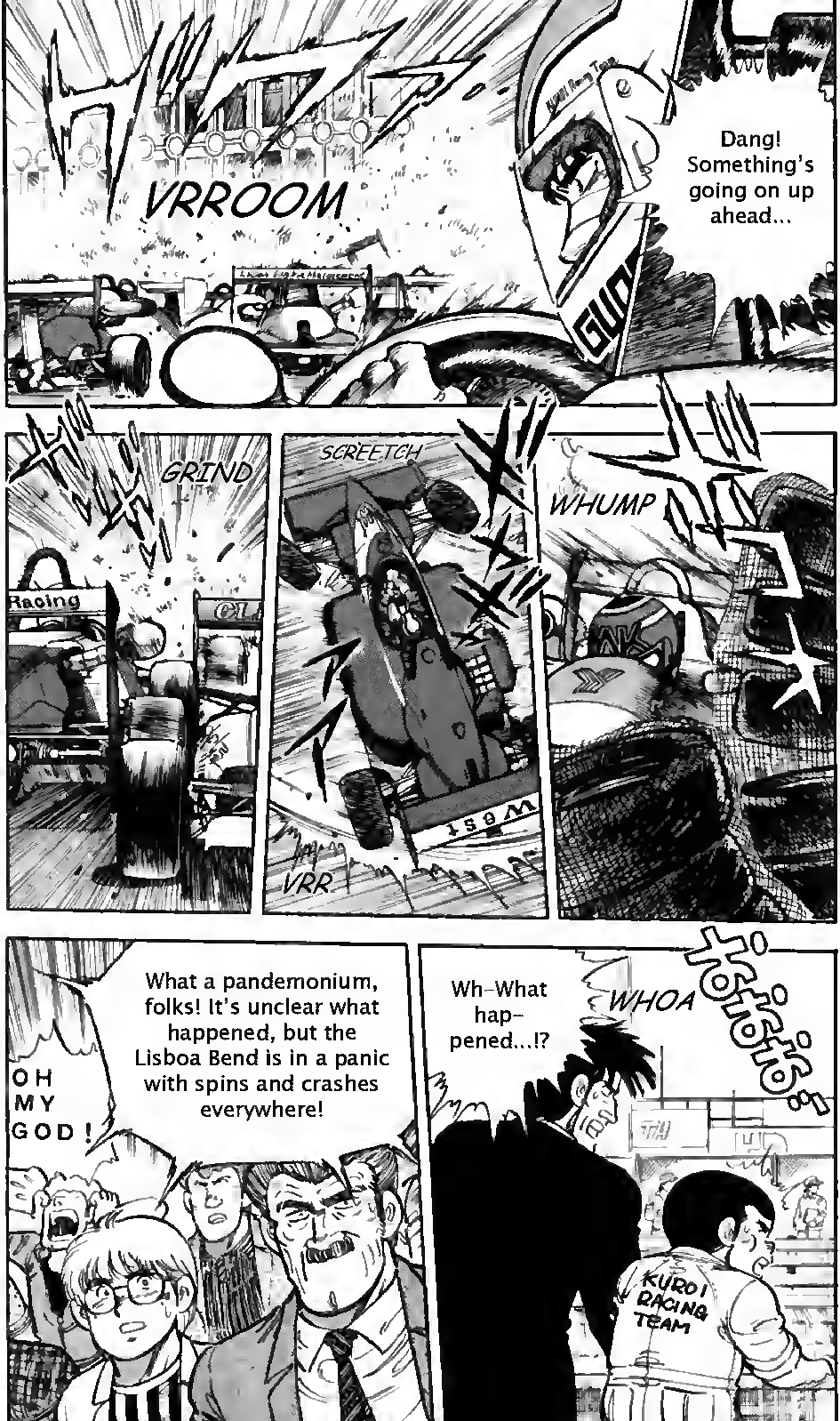
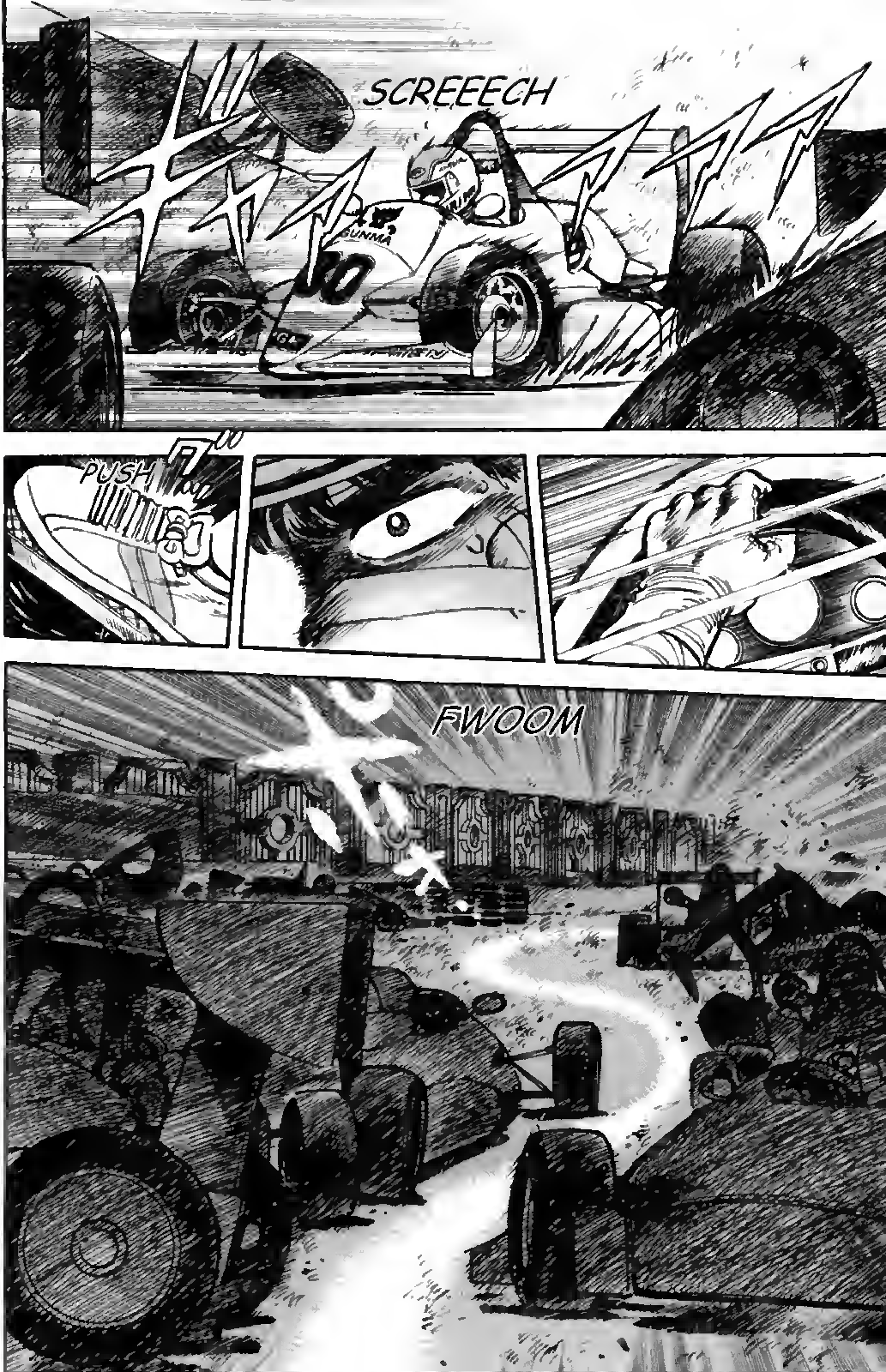
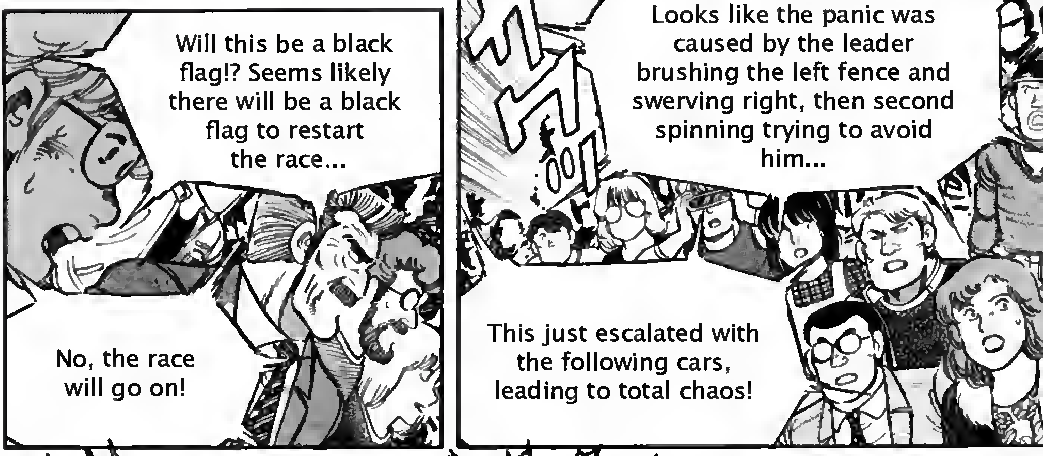
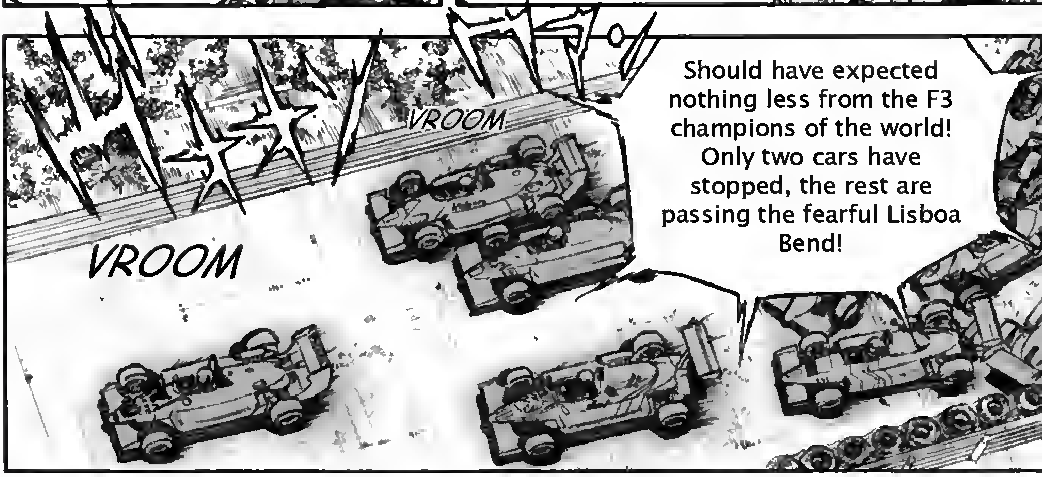

VRROOM
Dang! Something's going on up ahead...
GRIND
Racing
SCREETCH
West
VRR
WHUMP
What a pandemonium, folks! It's unclear what happened, but the Lisboa Bend is in a panic with spins and crashes everywhere!
OH MY GOD!
Wh-What hap-pened...!?
WHOA
KURO RACING TEAM

Arai
KUROI RA
Damn idiots! What are you doing, throwin' a party over there!?
YAAAAAH!
VRROOM
Whoooa!
CRASH
VRR
80

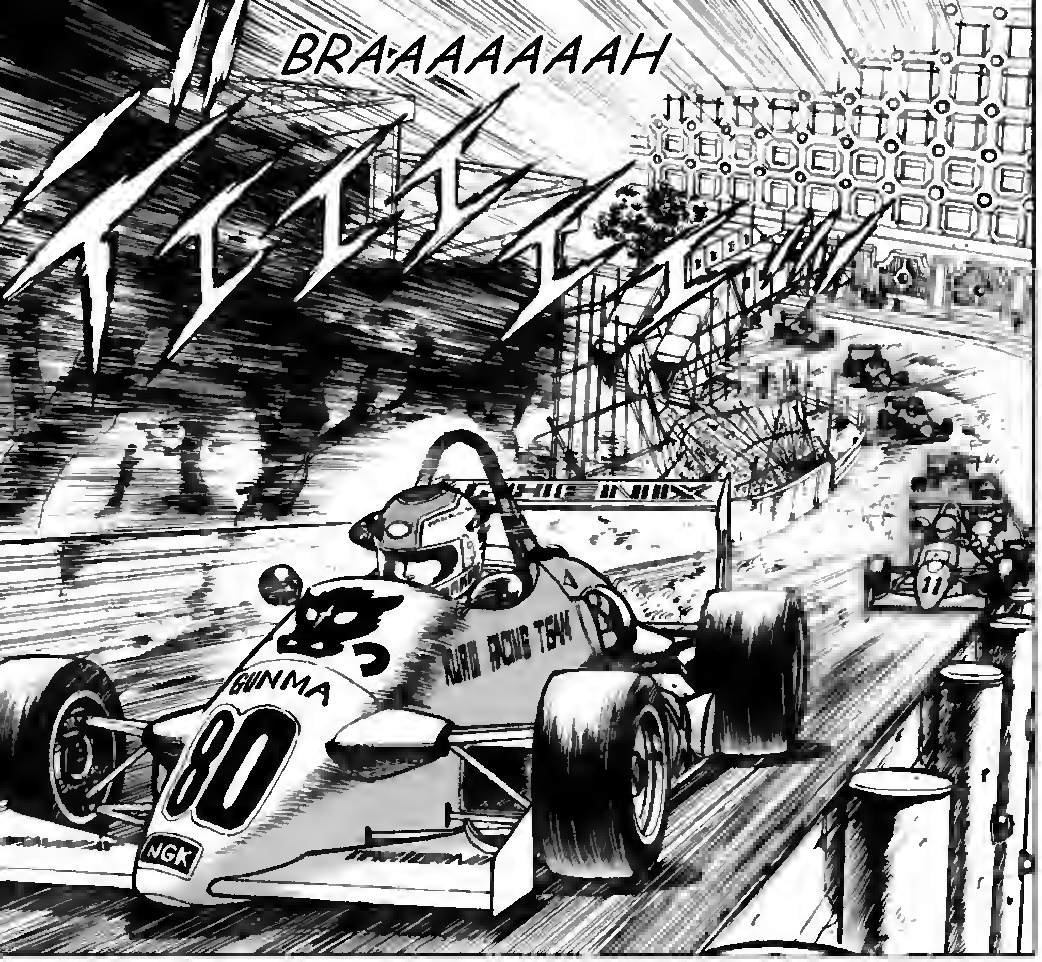

SCREEECH
GUNMA
PUSH
FWOOM

STOMP
That's the line!
VRROM


Will this be a black flag!? Seems likely there will be a black flag to restart the race...
No, the race will go on!
YAK
Looks like the panic was caused by the leader brushing the left fence and swerving right, then second spinning trying to avoid him...
This just escalated with the following cars, leading to total chaos!


VROOM
VROOM
Should have expected nothing less from the F3 champions of the world! Only two cars have stopped, the rest are passing the fearful Lisboa Bend!

Amazing! It's the Japanese racer, No. 80!
80
Who escaped this confusion first!?


BRAAAAAAAH
GUNMA
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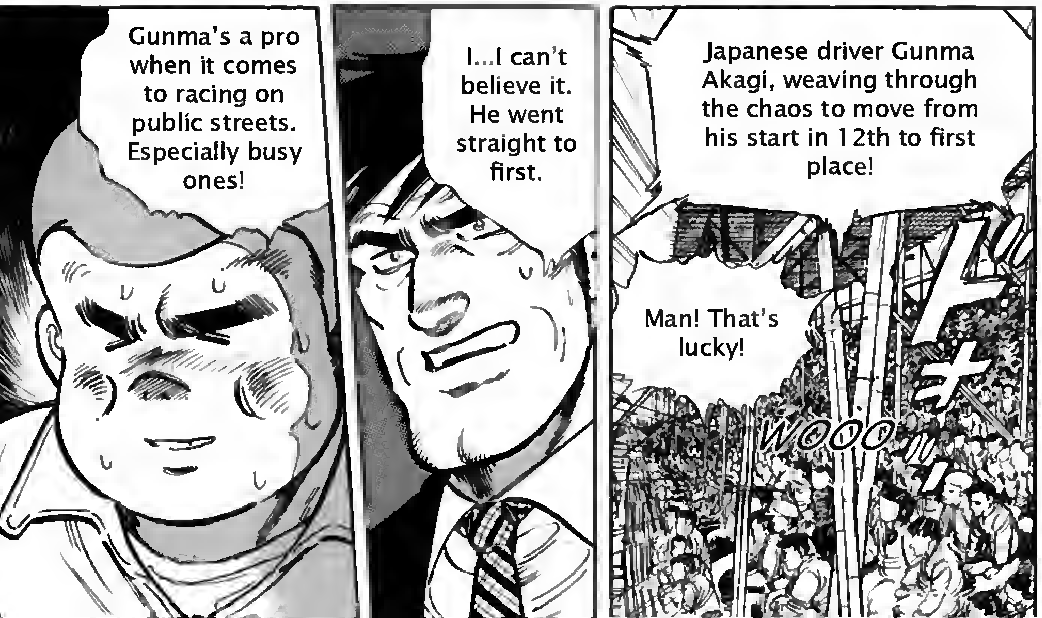
Gunma's a pro when it comes to racing on public streets. Especially busy ones!
I...I can't believe it. He went straight to first.
Japanese driver Gunma Akagi, weaving through the chaos to move from his start in 12th to first place!
Man! That's lucky!
WOOOH

VRROOOM
What a lucky break! But how long will this lucky racer be able to keep ahead of the world's F3 champs coming up behind him!?
This will be something to watch in the early laps!
GULP
Damn.

I made it into first, but I could have done without pickin' up this souvenir...
Arai
Well, it looks like I've got...
...yet another fracture.
THROB
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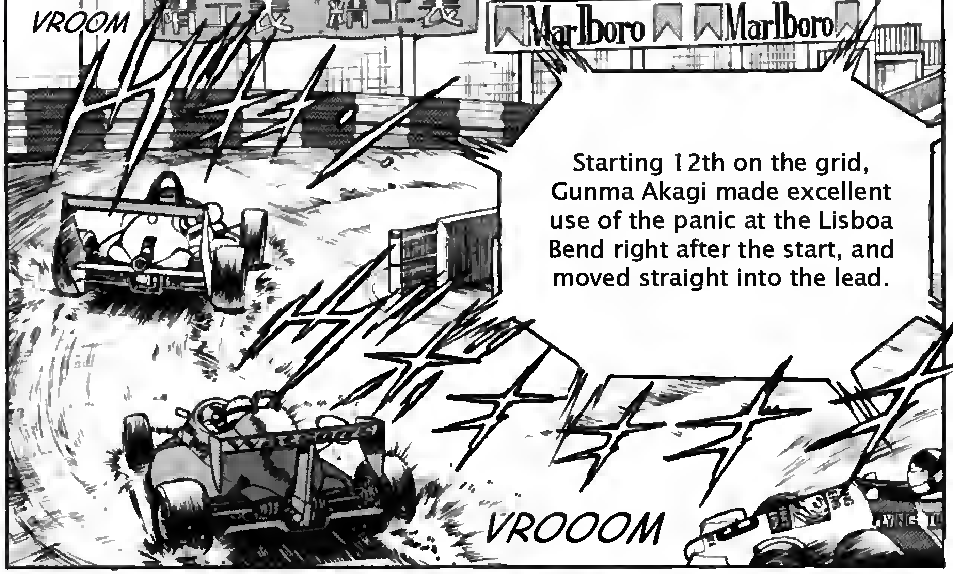
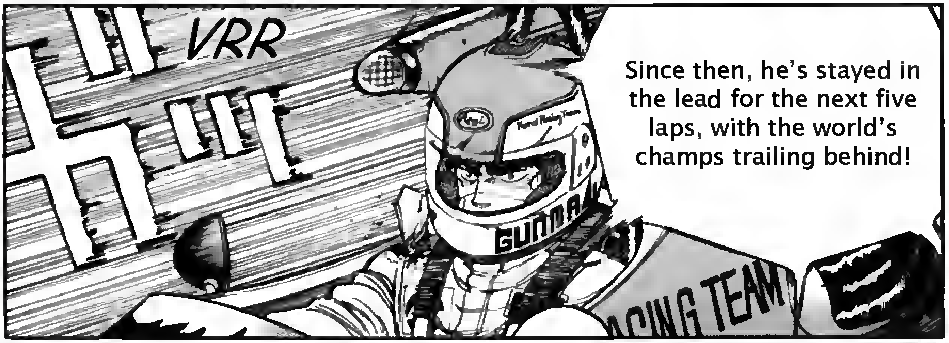
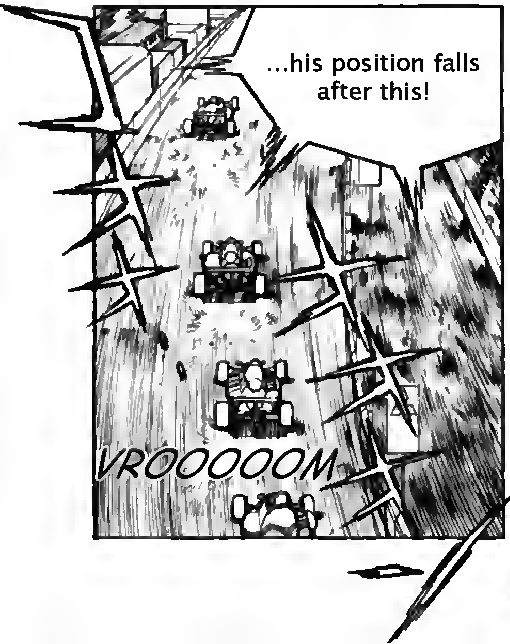
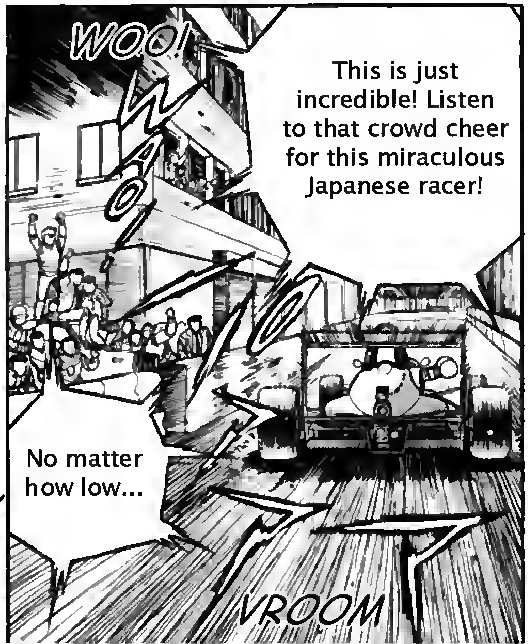
Chapter 9:
Dire Straits
Arai
GUNMA

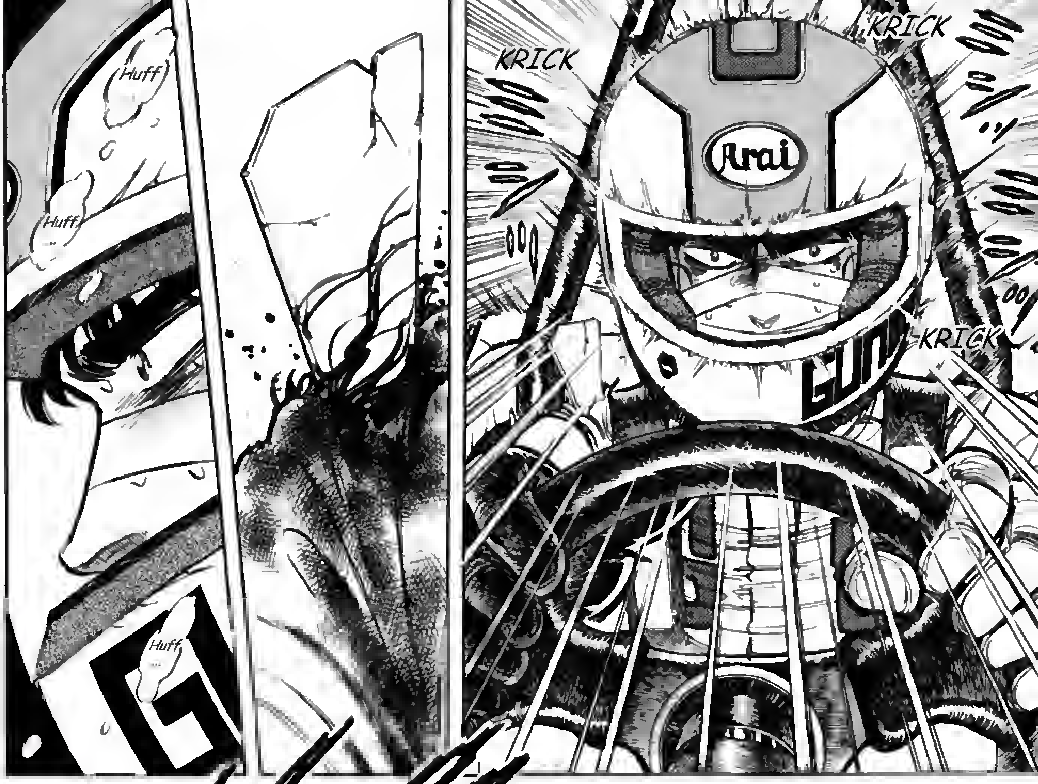
VROOH
VRRRRRR
VROOOM
Still in the lead is Japanese racer Gunma Akagi, No. 80!
Followed by No. 11 Martin Donnelly, No. 9 J. Lammers and No. 3 J. Paley!
They've now entered the fifth lap!

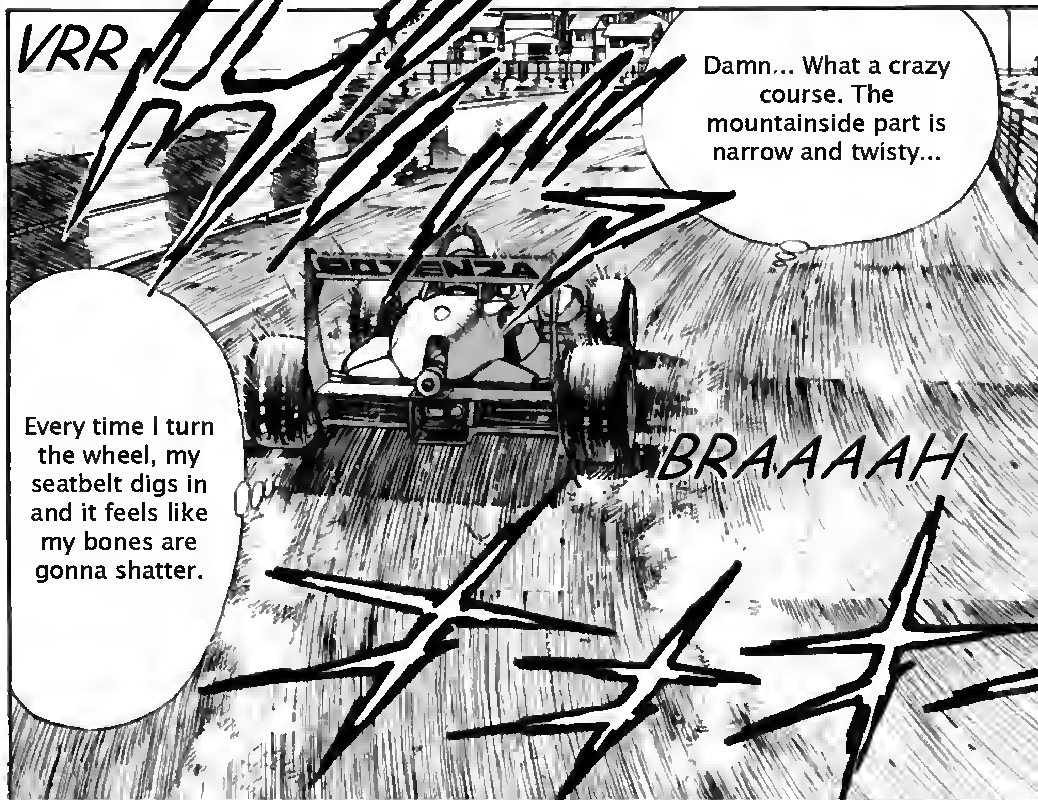

VROOM
Marlboro
Marlboro
Starting 12th on the grid, Gunma Akagi made excellent use of the panic at the Lisboa Bend right after the start, and moved straight into the lead.
VROOOM

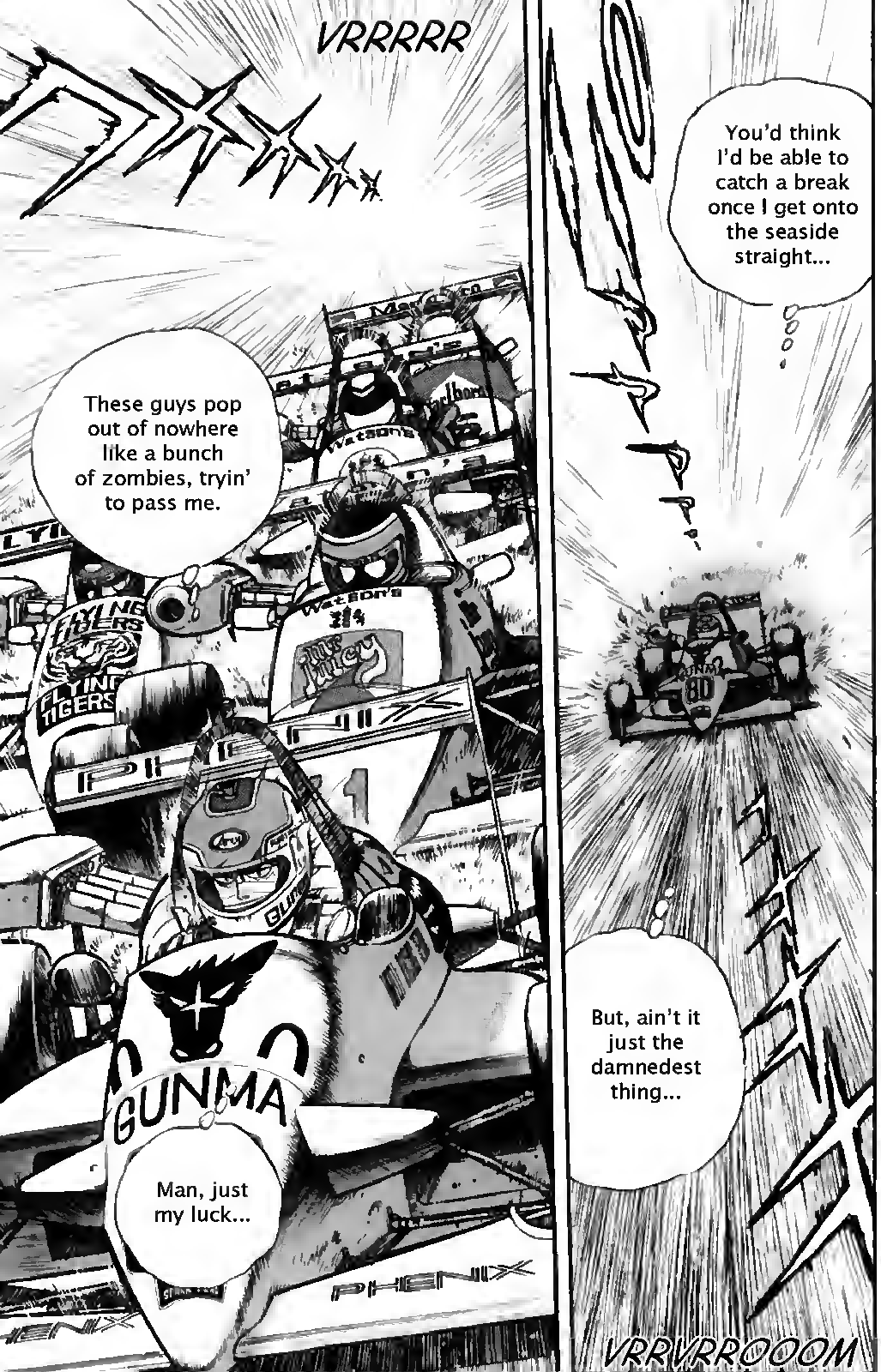

VRR
Since then, he's stayed in the lead for the next five laps, with the world's champs trailing behind!
GUNMA

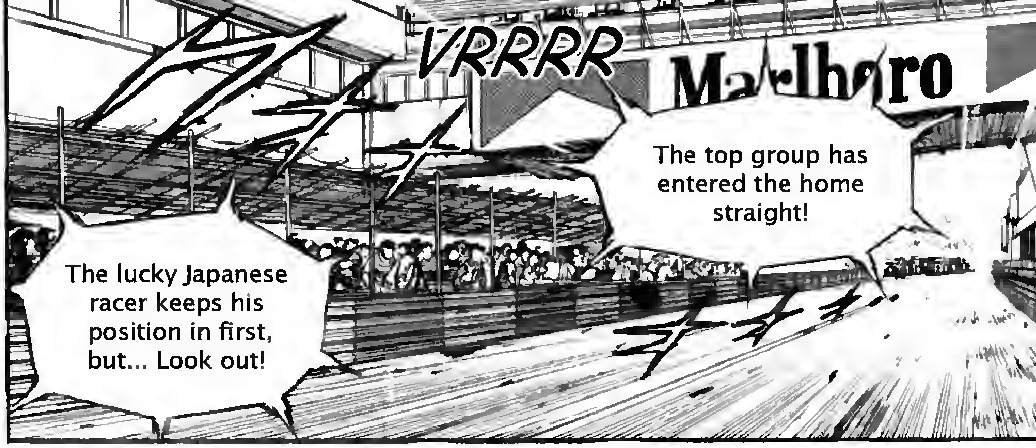

...his position falls after this!
VROOOOOM

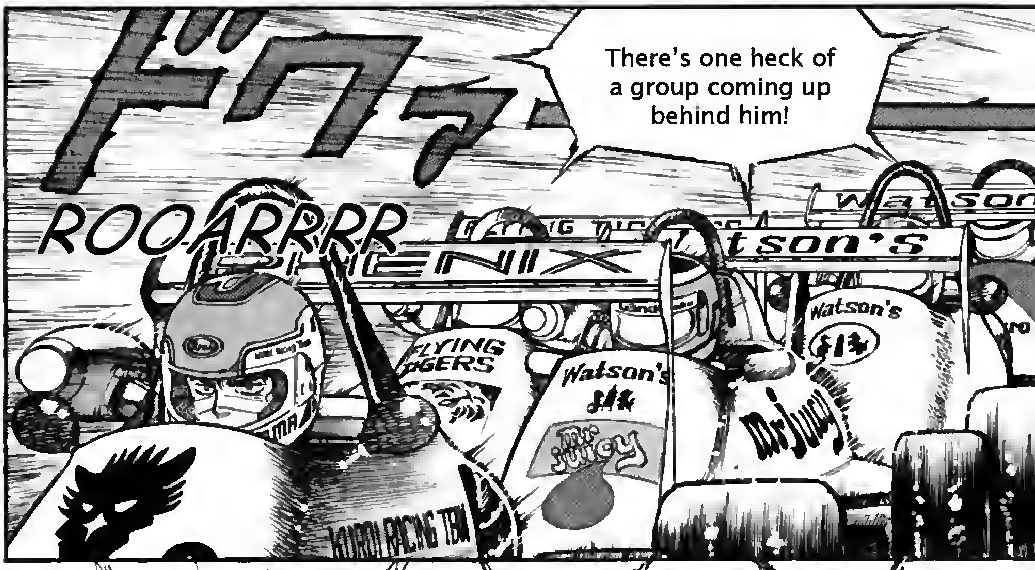

WOO!
This is just incredible! Listen to that crowd cheer for this miraculous Japanese racer!
No matter how low...
VROOM

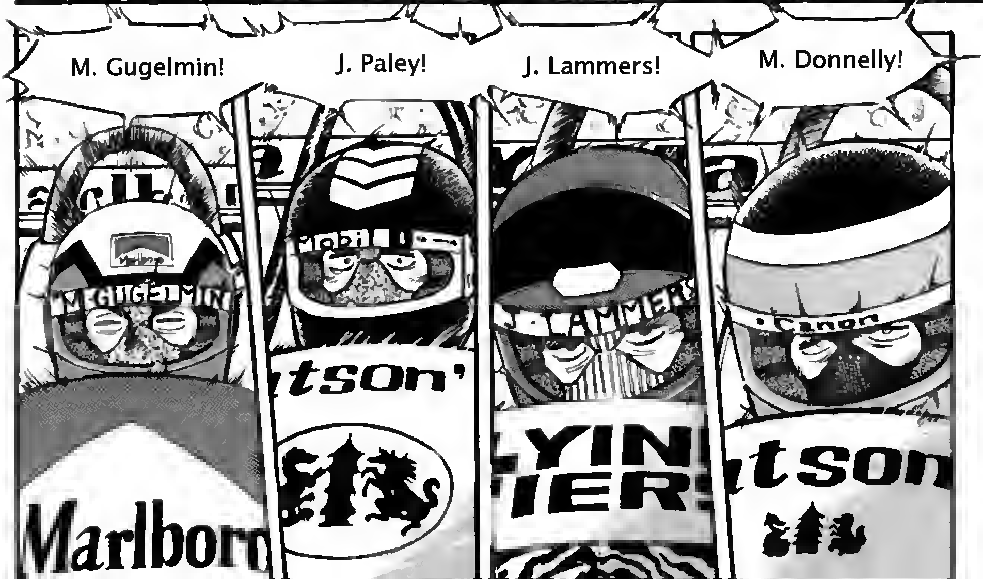

(Huff)
(Huff)
(Huff)
KRICK
KRICK
KRICK
Arai

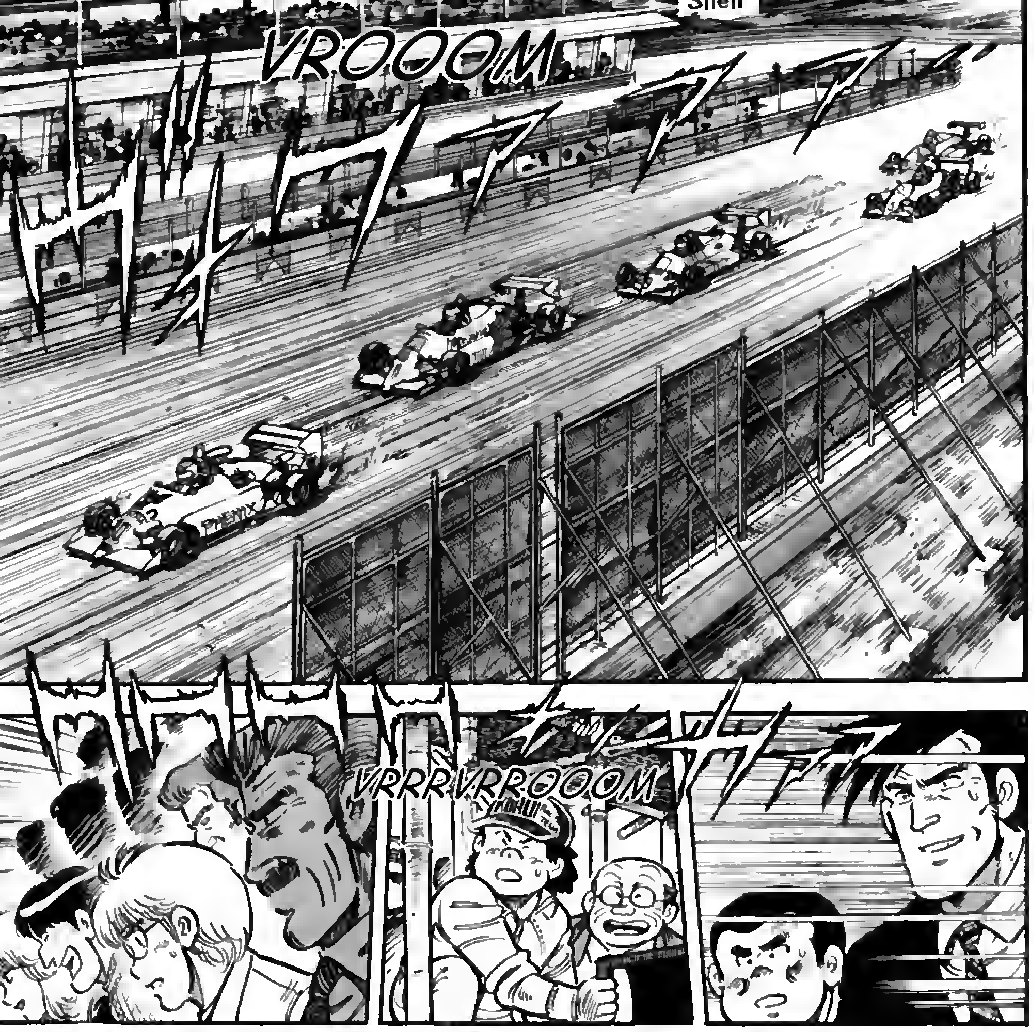

VRR
Damn... What a crazy course. The mountainside part is narrow and twisty...
Every time I turn the wheel, my seatbelt digs in and it feels like my bones are gonna shatter.
BRAAAAH

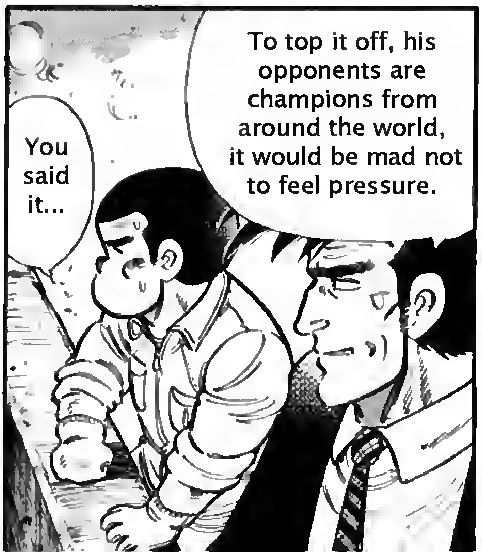

VRRRRR
These guys pop out of nowhere like a bunch of zombies, tryin' to pass me.
GUNMA
Man, just my luck...
You'd think I'd be able to catch a break once I get onto the seaside straight...
But, ain't it just the damnedest thing...
VRRVRROOOM


VRRRR
Marlboro
The top group has entered the home straight!
The lucky Japanese racer keeps his position in first, but... Look out!


ROOARRRR
There's one heck of a group coming up behind him!
Watson's
Watson's
FLYING TIGERS
Watson's
Mr. Juicy
Dr Juice

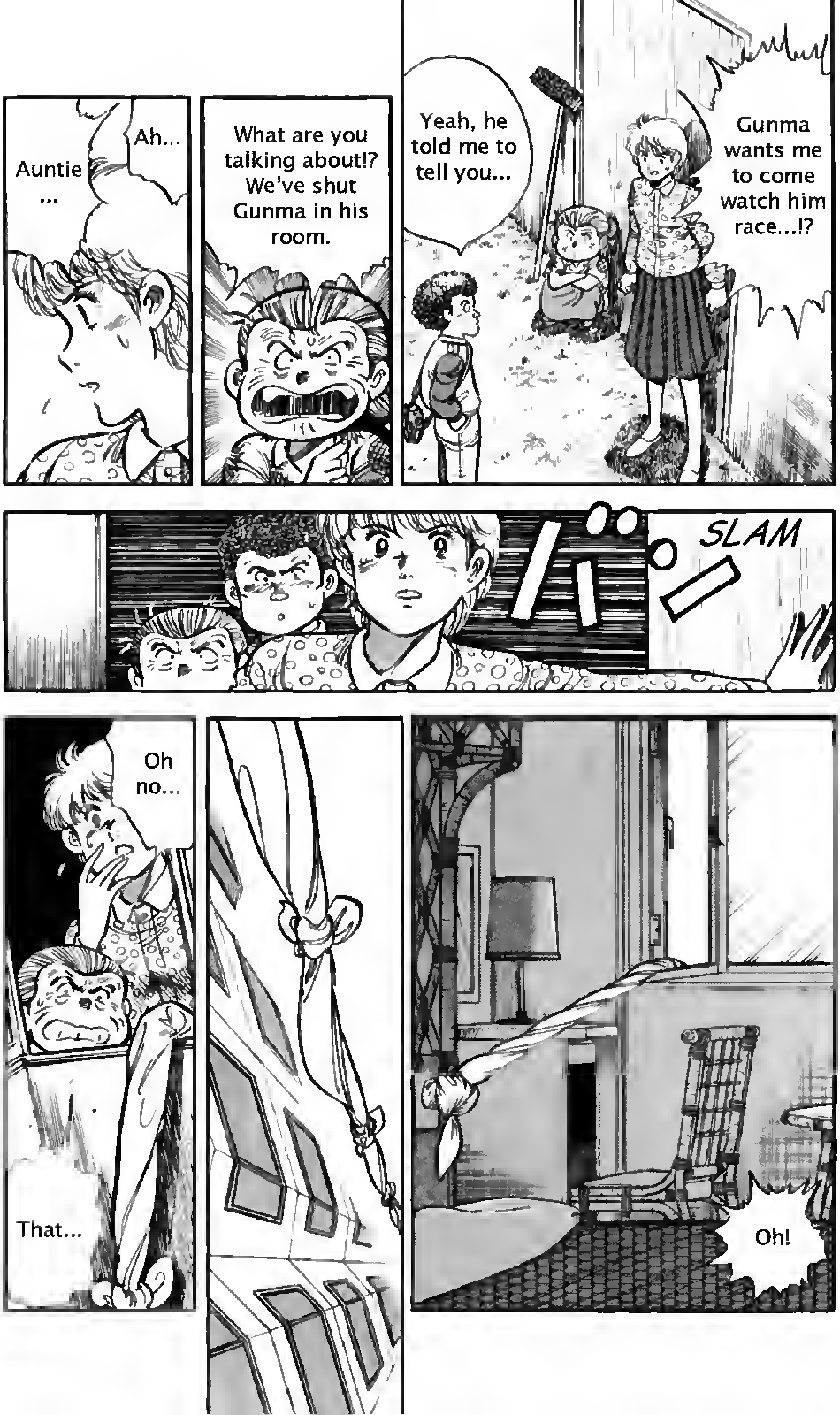

M. Gugelmin!
J. Paley!
J. Lammers!
M. Donnelly!
Marlboro
Canon

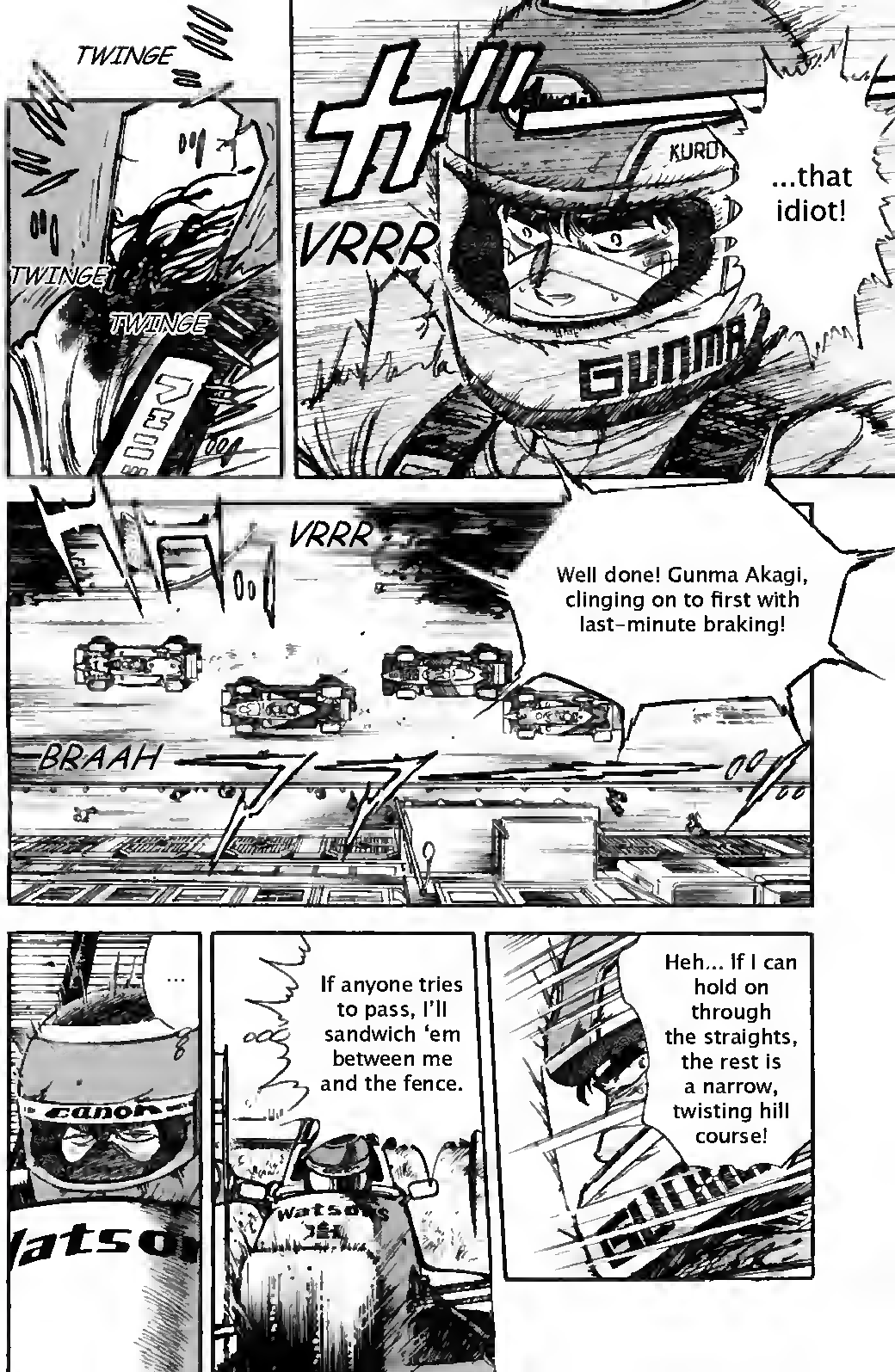

Shell
VROOOM
VRRRVROOOM

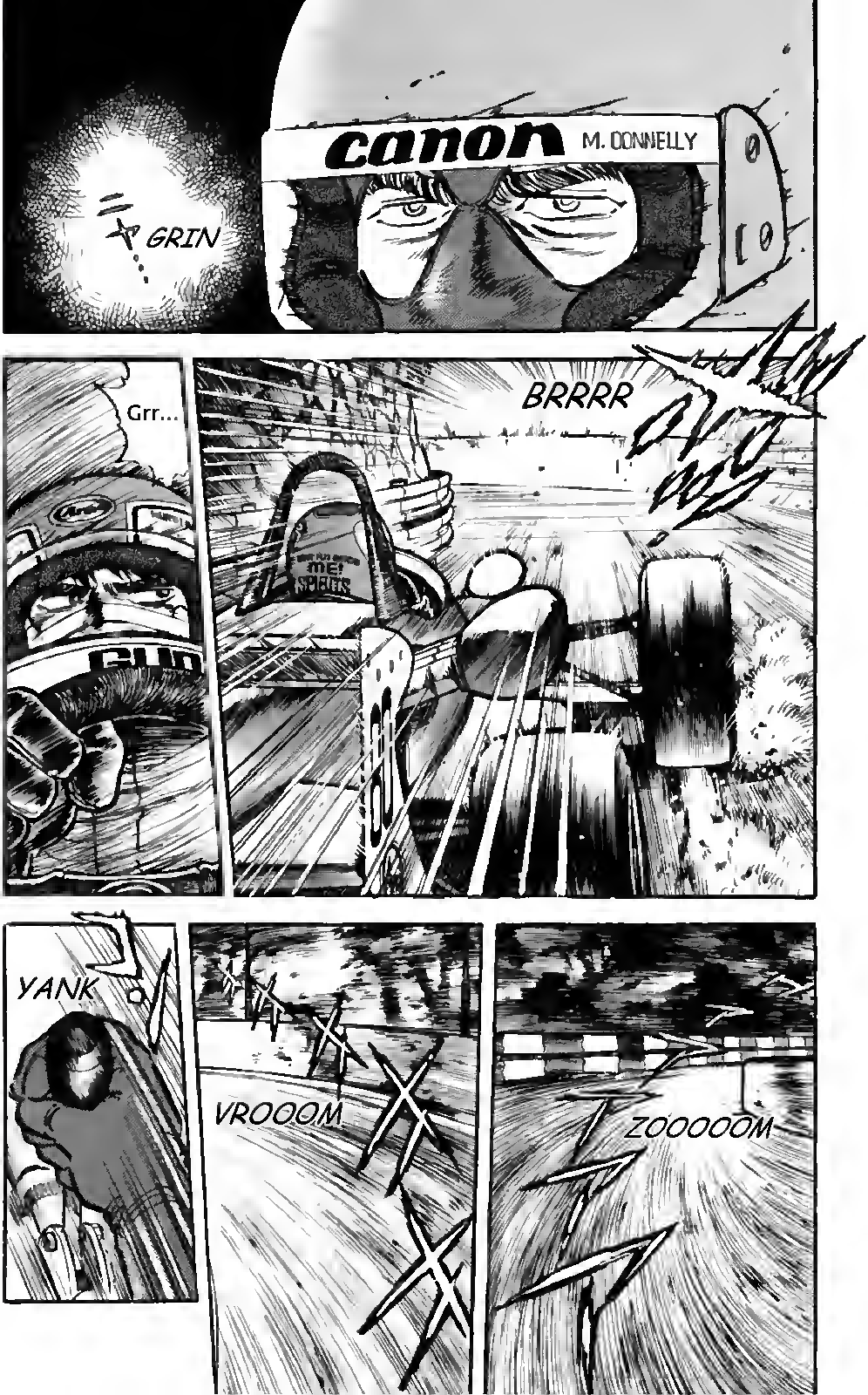

To top it off, his opponents are champions from around the world, it would be mad not to feel pressure.
You said it...

It looks like Gunma's feeling a lot of pressure.
I'm not surprised. It's his first time on this course, with opponents he's never raced against...
...and he's suddenly in first.
KUROI RACING TEAM

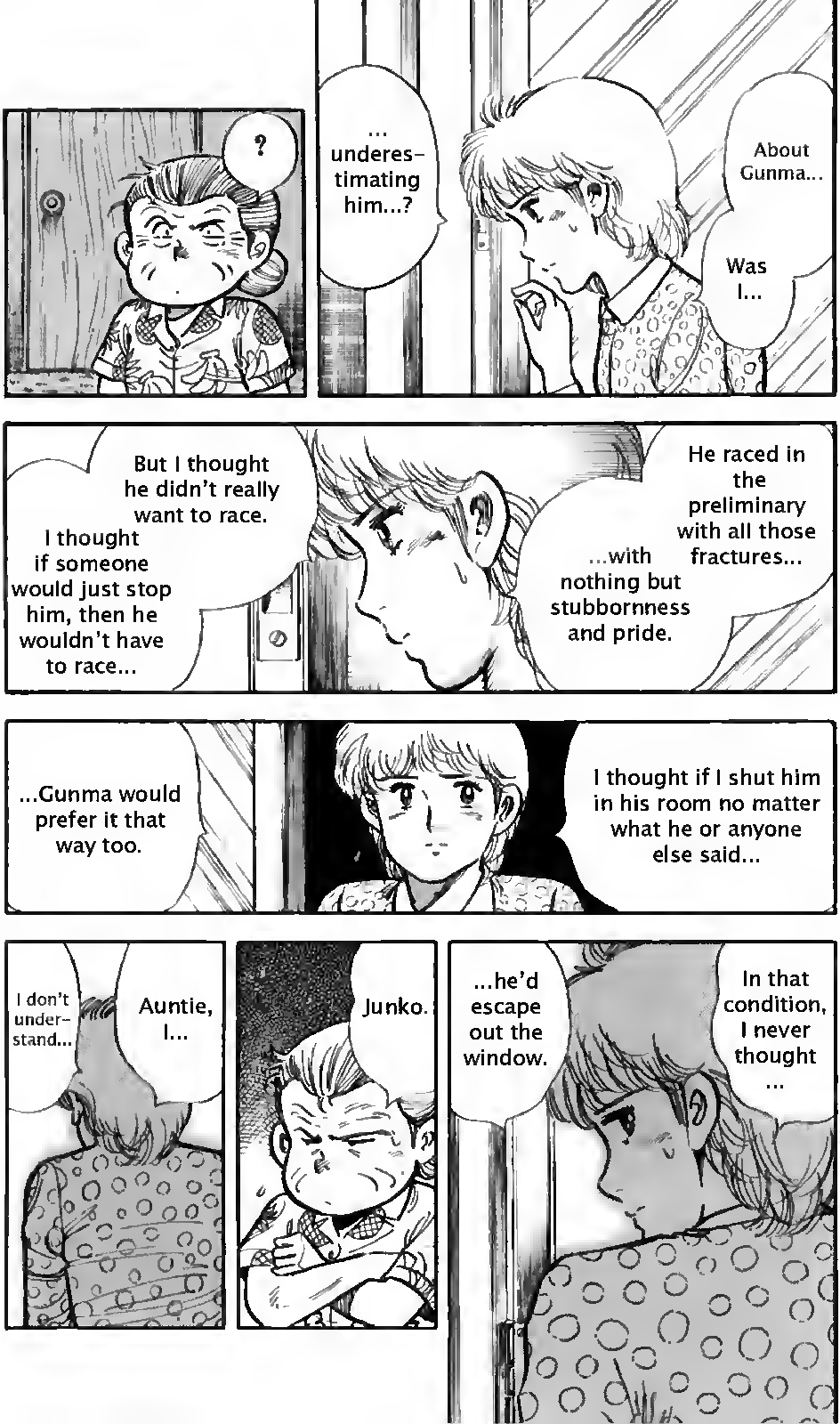
With the straight ending, it's time for the braking match at the Lisboa Bend!
VRRR
Here we go...
Here...
Arrgh ...
GUNT
Marlboro
KRICK
Wh-What did you say!?
SCREEE
SCREEE
SCREESCREE


Ah...
Auntie ...
What are you talking about!? We've shut Gunma in his room.
Yeah, he told me to tell you...
Gunma wants me to come watch him race...!?
SLAM
Oh no...
That...
Oh!


TWINGE
TWINGE
TWINGE
VRRR
KURO
GUNMA
...that idiot!
VRRR
BRAAH
Well done! Gunma Akagi, clinging on to first with last-minute braking!
...
canon
If anyone tries to pass, I'll sandwich 'em between me and the fence.
Heh... If I can hold on through the straights, the rest is a narrow, twisting hill course!


GRIN
canon
M. DONNELLY
Grr...
BRRRR
YANK
VROOOM
ZOOOOOM

ZOOM
The pain in my right shoulder keeps gettin' worse...
What a course...
Huff Huff Huff
KUROI RACING TEAM
At this rate, it's gonna get numb and I'll lose feeling...
...I'll have to at least pull out this shard...
No choice, I guess. Next time I enter a straight...
Auntie. I...
What's wrong, Junko? Aren't you gonna go watch!?


?
... underes-timating him...?
About Gunma...
Was I...
But I thought he didn't really want to race.
I thought if someone would just stop him, then he wouldn't have to race...
He raced in the preliminary with all those fractures...
...with nothing but stubbornness and pride.
...Gunma would prefer it that way too.
I thought if I shut him in his room no matter what he or anyone else said...
I don't under-stand...
Auntie, I...
Junko.
...he'd escape out the window.
In that condition, I never thought ...

...
I don't understand that man.
MURMUR
MURMUR
How many more laps?
Isn't that amazing, Dad? He's holding on to first place!
In his condition, any normal person would be lying moaning in bed.
No, he won't! There's no way...
Will he hold on until the end...?
14 laps.
...like how he is now...
...holding on to first place...
But at a time like this...
Well, Yuma.
I don't know much about racing.
...impossible!
This is just...

...
Who knows?
...while he's driving?
What do you think is going through his head...
Whoa ...
THUNK
SCREETCH
80
PHENIX
THROB
THROB
THROB
THROB
THROB
THROB
Damn. What am I doing...?
Did I fall asleep!?
GUNN

I...I'm getting sleepy...
This is no good...
The pain everywhere... My body is trying to sleep...
GUNMA
I can't keep my eyes open...
Dammit ...
ZOOOOM
canon
Oh! As soon as they entered the seaside straight, No. 11 Martin Donnelly in second has made a move to pass Gunma Akagi!
VROOOM

GOOSH
SHANK
Wake up!

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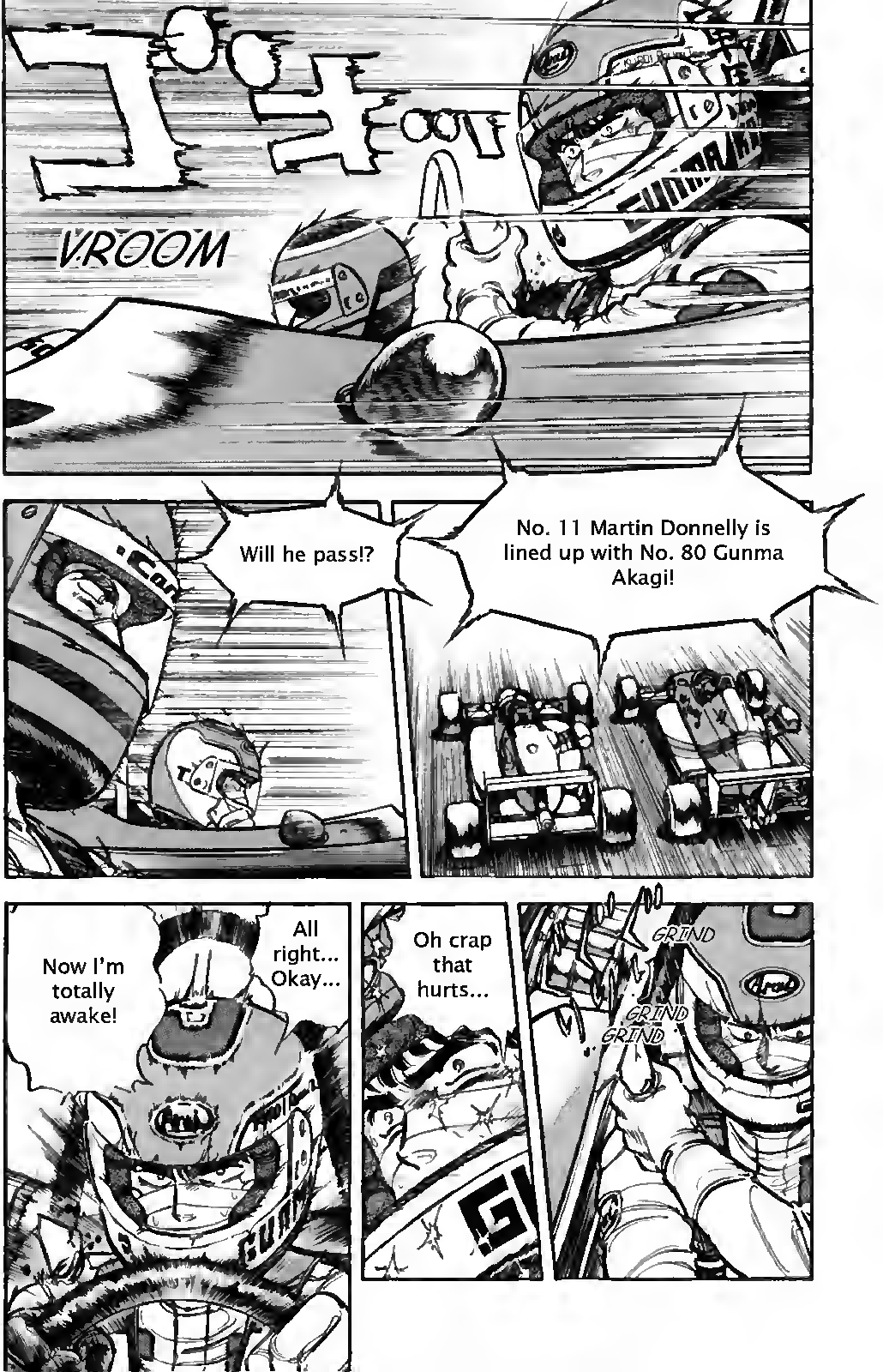
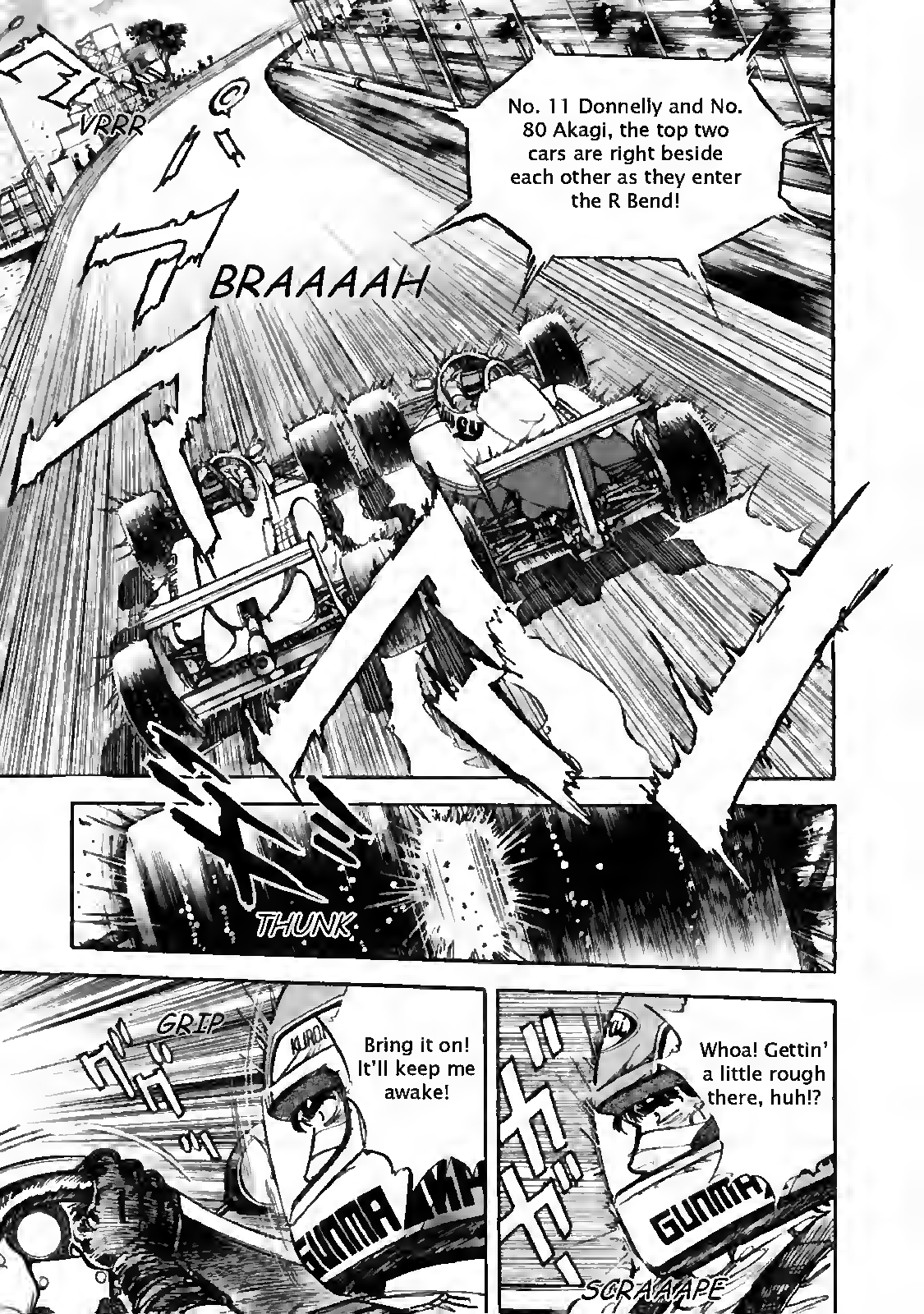
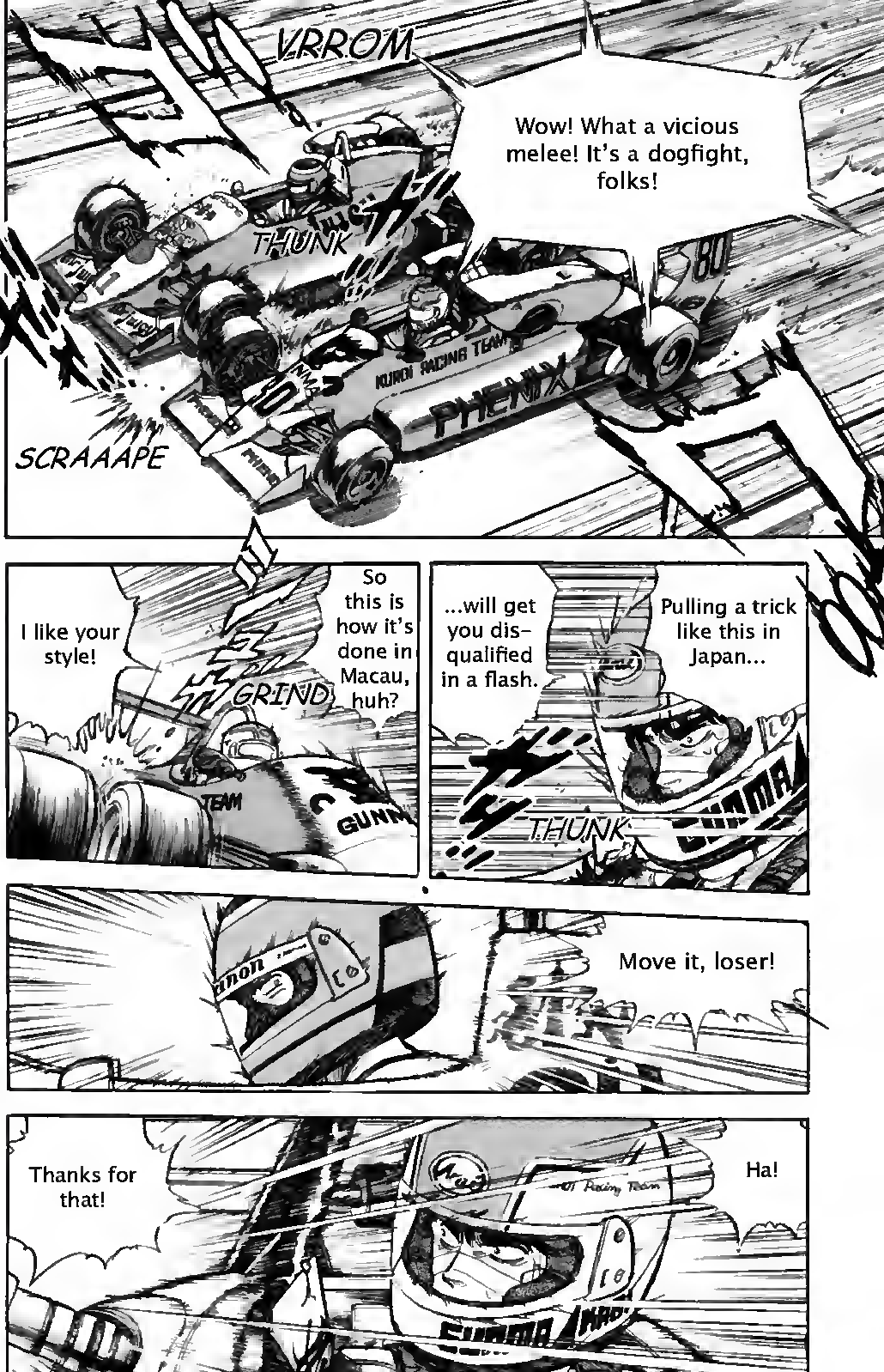
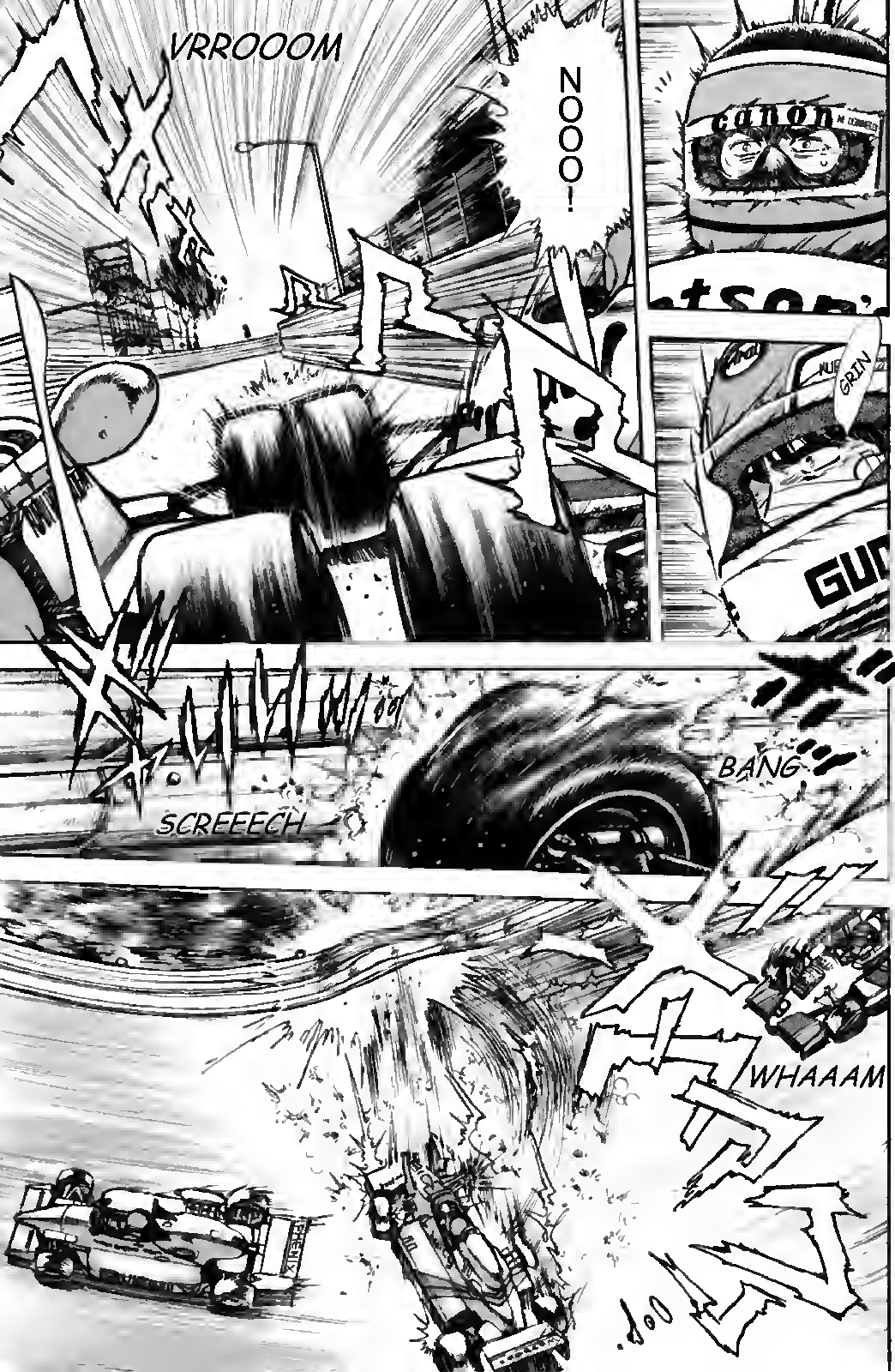
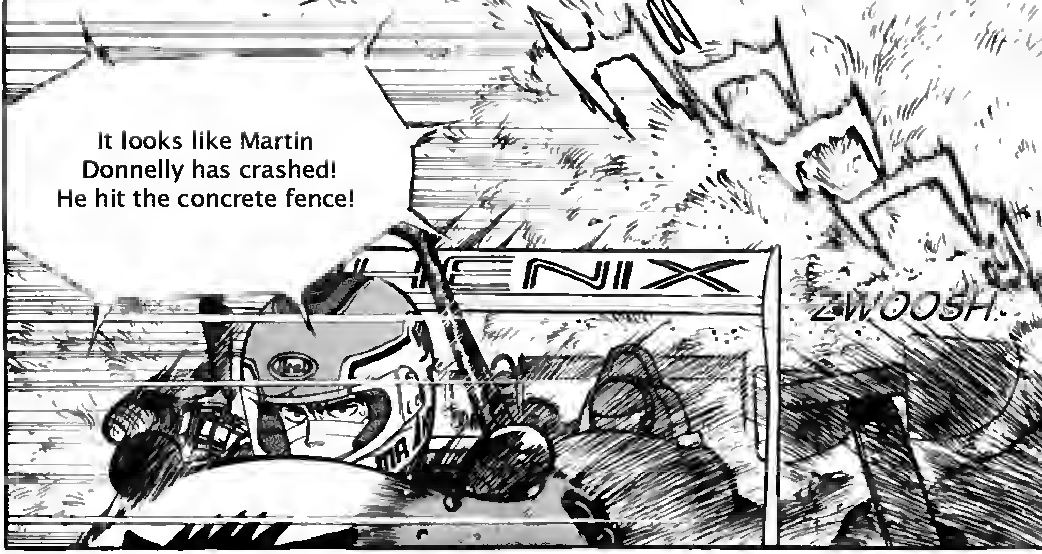
Chapter 10:
Solitary Battle

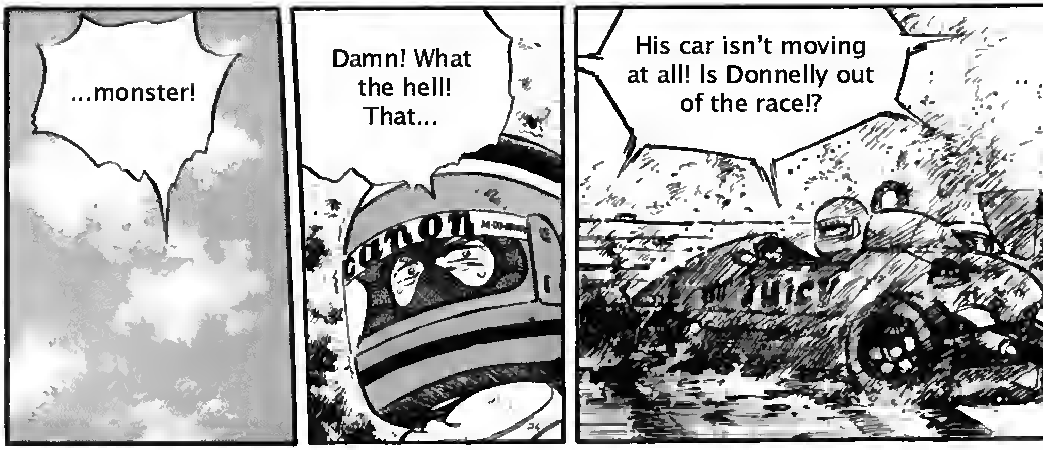

V.ROOM
Will he pass!?
No. 11 Martin Donnelly is lined up with No. 80 Gunma Akagi!
Now I'm totally awake!
All right... Okay...
Oh crap that hurts...
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND


VRRR
BRAAAAH
No. 11 Donnelly and No. 80 Akagi, the top two cars are right beside each other as they enter the R Bend!
THUNK
GRIP
KUROI
Bring it on! It'll keep me awake!
GUNMA
Whoa! Gettin' a little rough there, huh!?
GUNMA
SCRAAAPE


V.RROM
Wow! What a vicious melee! It's a dogfight, folks!
THUNK
KUMON RACING TEAM
PHENIX
80
SCRAAAPE
I like your style!
So this is how it's done in Macau, huh?
GRIND
...will get you dis-qualified in a flash.
Pulling a trick like this in Japan...
THUNK
Move it, loser!
Thanks for that!
Ha!


VRROOOM
NOOO!
canon
GRIN
SCREEECH
BANG
WHAAAM


It looks like Martin Donnelly has crashed! He hit the concrete fence!
ZWOOSH...

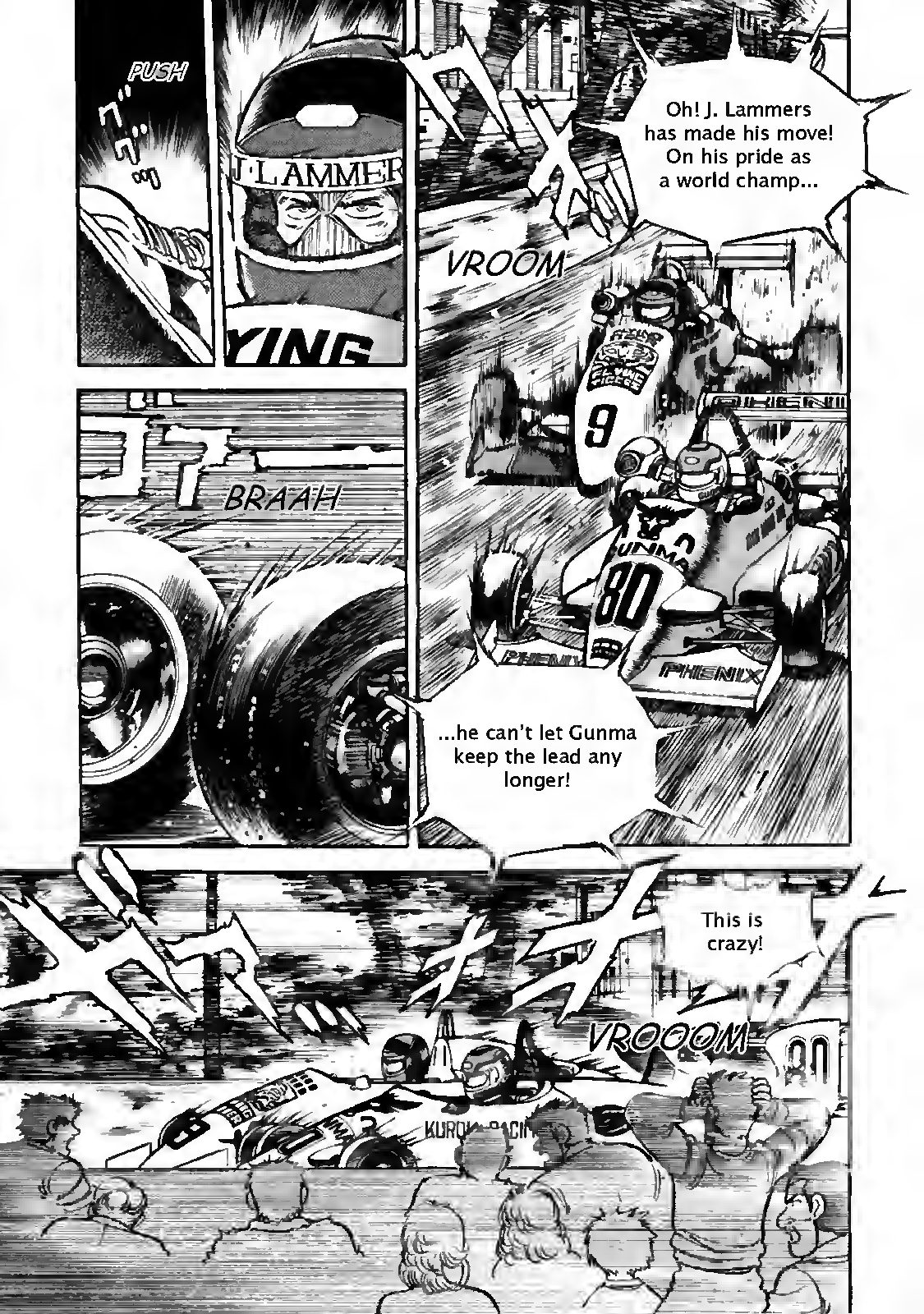

...monster!
Damn! What the hell! That...
His car isn't moving at all! Is Donnelly out of the race!?

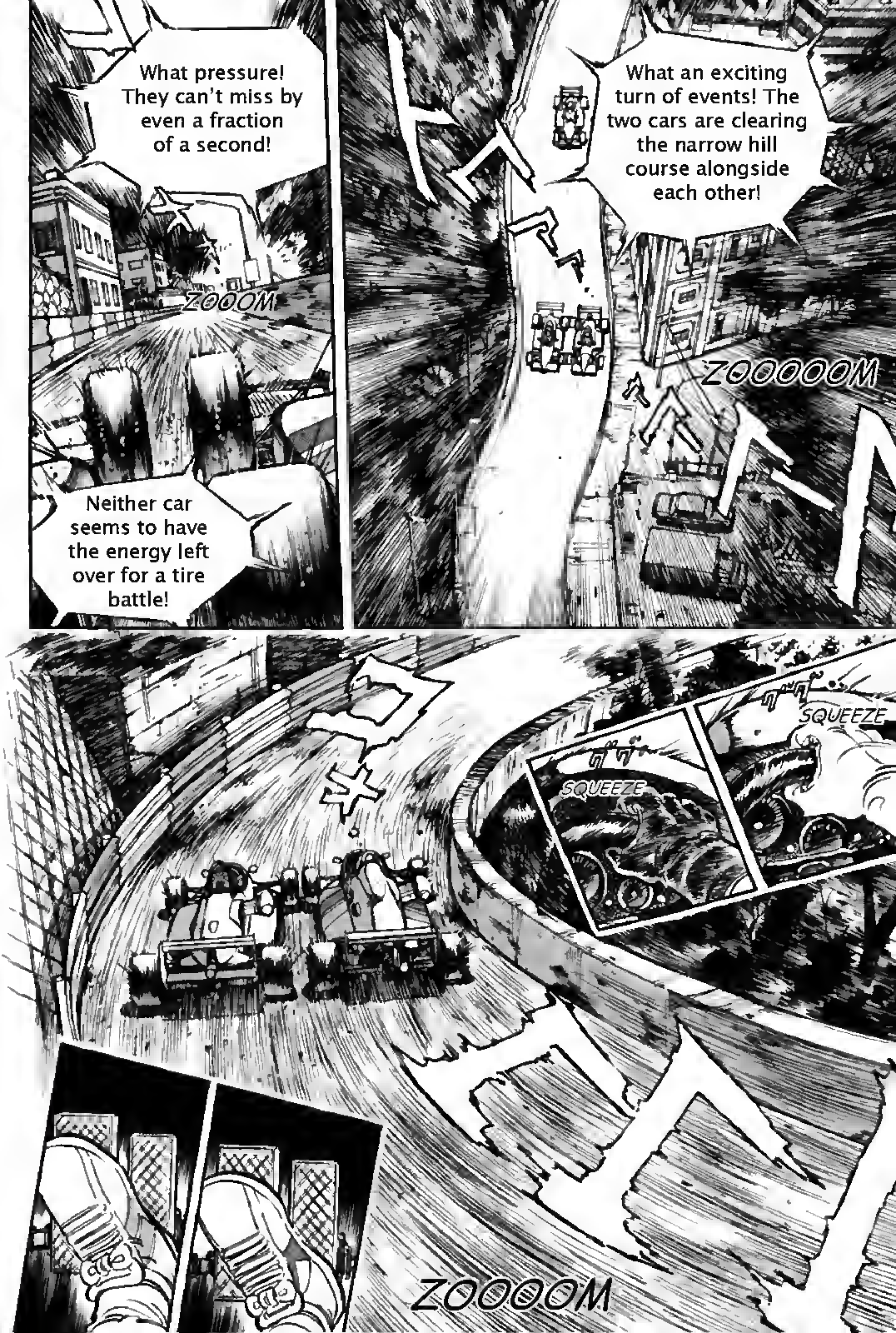
ZOOM
Huff...
KAGI
Huff ...
Huff ...
Huff ...

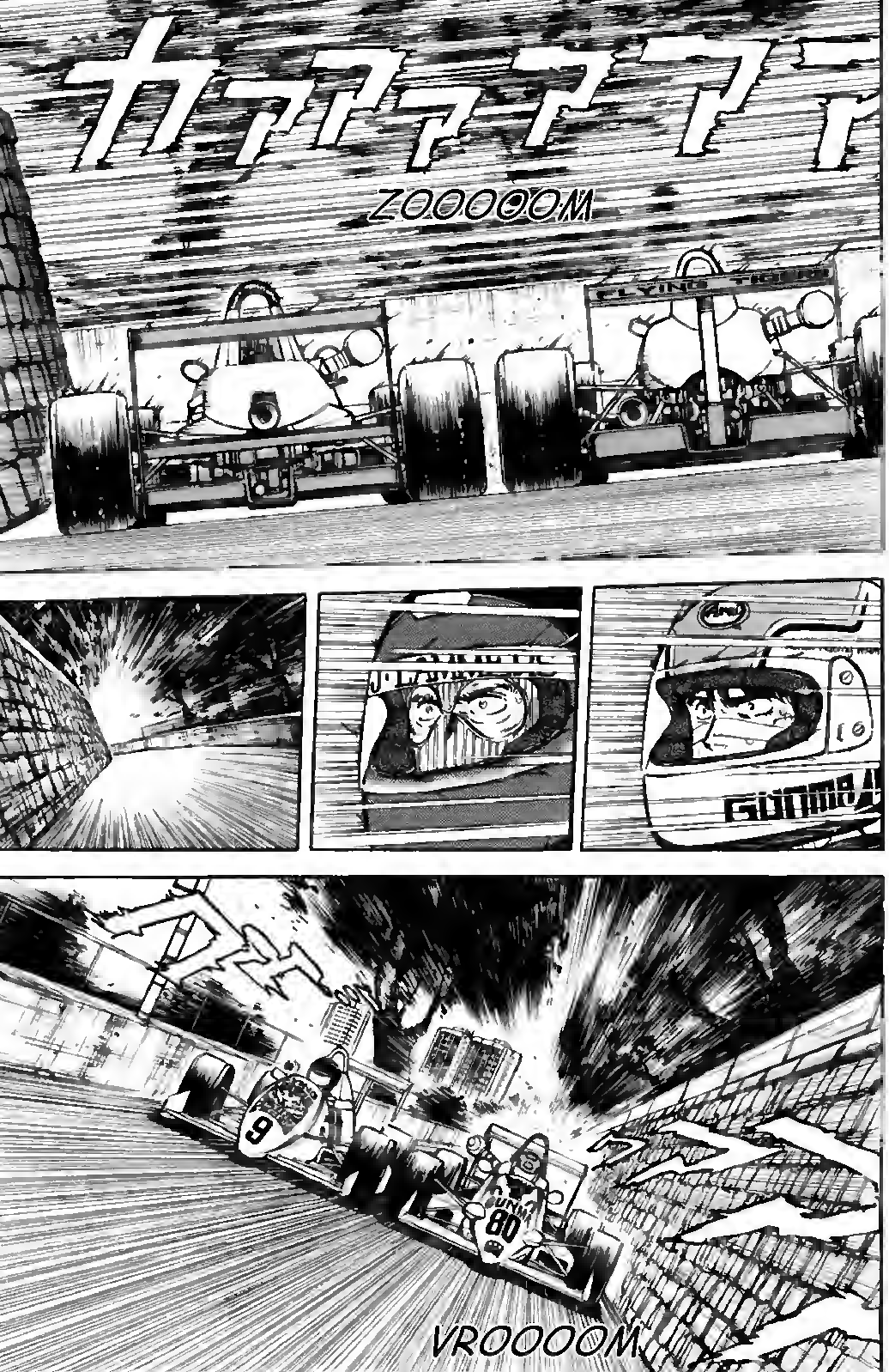
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

I mean, that's the kind of racing that Gunma loves in the first place.
I was sure he'd do that...
Yup.
H-He took out the guy in second!
...his face would be all lit up with a smile while racing.
Violent, aggressive racing is more his style than a race that's all polite.
He's not a thoroughbred, he's a warhorse.
Just like his name suggests, then...
If only he wasn't injured...
PHEW PHEW
WAOOO!!
This race will probably get pretty rough.
YEAH!
WOOHOO
There's no telling how many cars will be wrecked.

VRRR
VRRR
GUNMA
80
If you think you can relax now that Donnelly's out, think again, Gunma!
VRROOM
BRRR
J. LAMMERS
No. 9 J. Lammers has moved into second and has his target set on the lead!
GRIN
C'mere!
...!
TWITCH
J. LAMMERS


PUSH
J.LAMMER
YING
VROOM
Oh! J. Lammers has made his move! On his pride as a world champ...
9
80
PHENIX
BRAAH
...he can't let Gunma keep the lead any longer!
This is crazy!
VROOOM
80


What pressure! They can't miss by even a fraction of a second!
ZOOOM
Neither car seems to have the energy left over for a tire battle!
What an exciting turn of events! The two cars are clearing the narrow hill course alongside each other!
ZOOOOOM
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
ZOOOOM


ZOOOOOM
FLYING
9
80
VROOOOM

9
FLYING TIGER
...they can't get a line anymore!
It's too narrow! This has got to be it...
SLIP
SCREE
SCREE
SMAAASH
6

VRR VRR VRR
ZOOOM
PHOENIX
GUNN
80
PHOENIX
9

WHOOO
CRUNCH
SCRAAAPE
Oh my lord! He's gonna fall! Lammers is going to fall!
YAK
YAK
Lammers has let go of the wheel! Looks like he's going to let fate take over!
What a spectacle, folks! Car No. 9 J. Lammers went too fast and got his tire on the concrete fence, before hitting a tree and getting stuck in midair at the last second!

...
Whew ...
YAK YAK
No... It's nothing.
What?
VRROOOM
An inflated yen! The economic animal! No support for developing nations! Pandering to the strong! The Westerners of Asia! A lack of respect for their own culture! And a lack of religious faith!
The Japanese are the orphans of the world!
But Gunma Akagi, you are all right!

I won't stop there! Macau's been waiting for an exciting racer like you!
All right, who's next!? Which world champ will step up to try and drag this top-notch racer out of first!?
Okay.
...
Junko! Hurry up.
...my body starts to give in to the pain, and...
If not...
...sink... into... dark-ness...
Hurry up... I don't care who...
Someone come and pick a fight with me. I need to get that adrena-line flowin'...

SEIKO精工舞
WHOOOM

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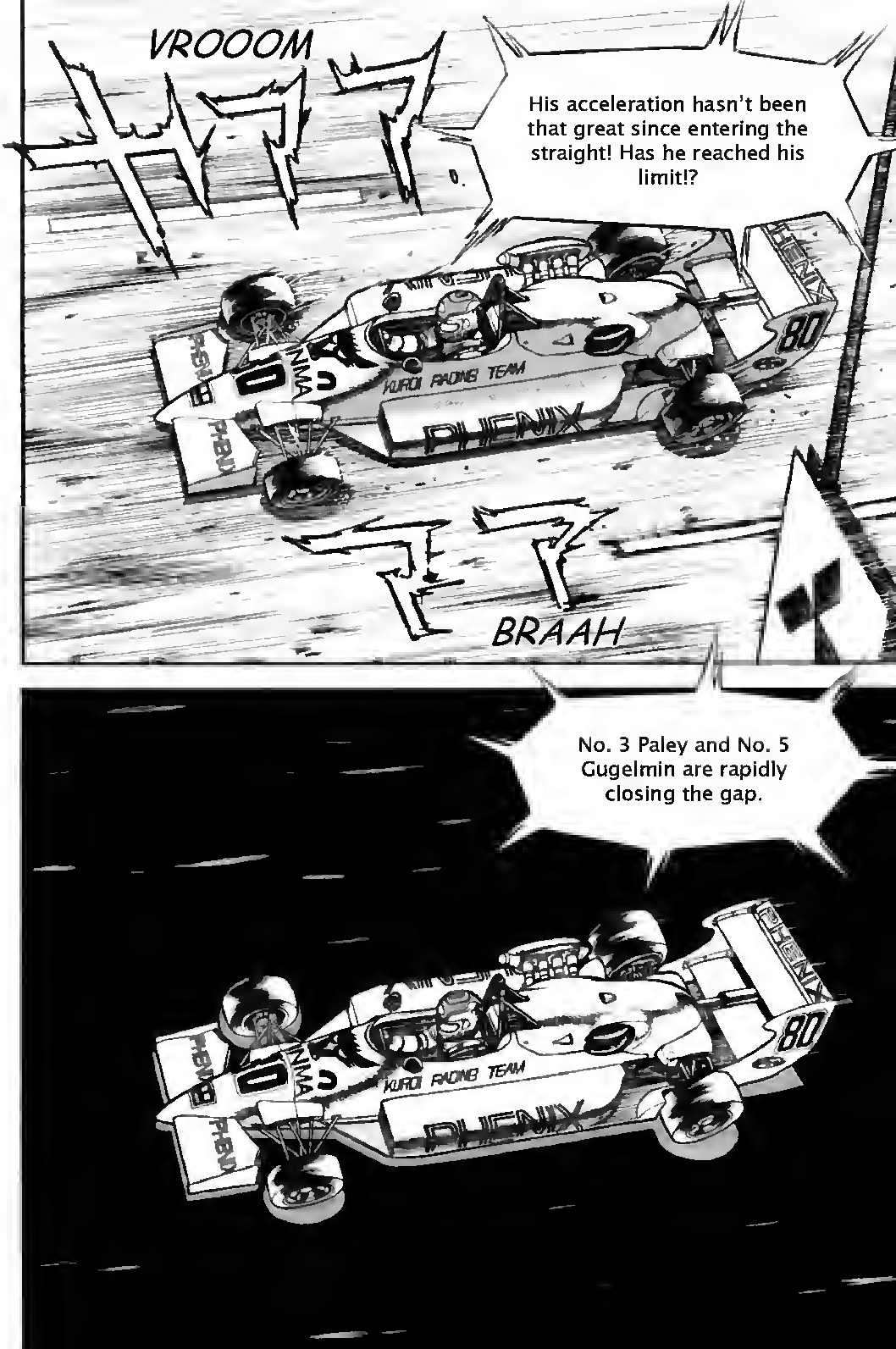
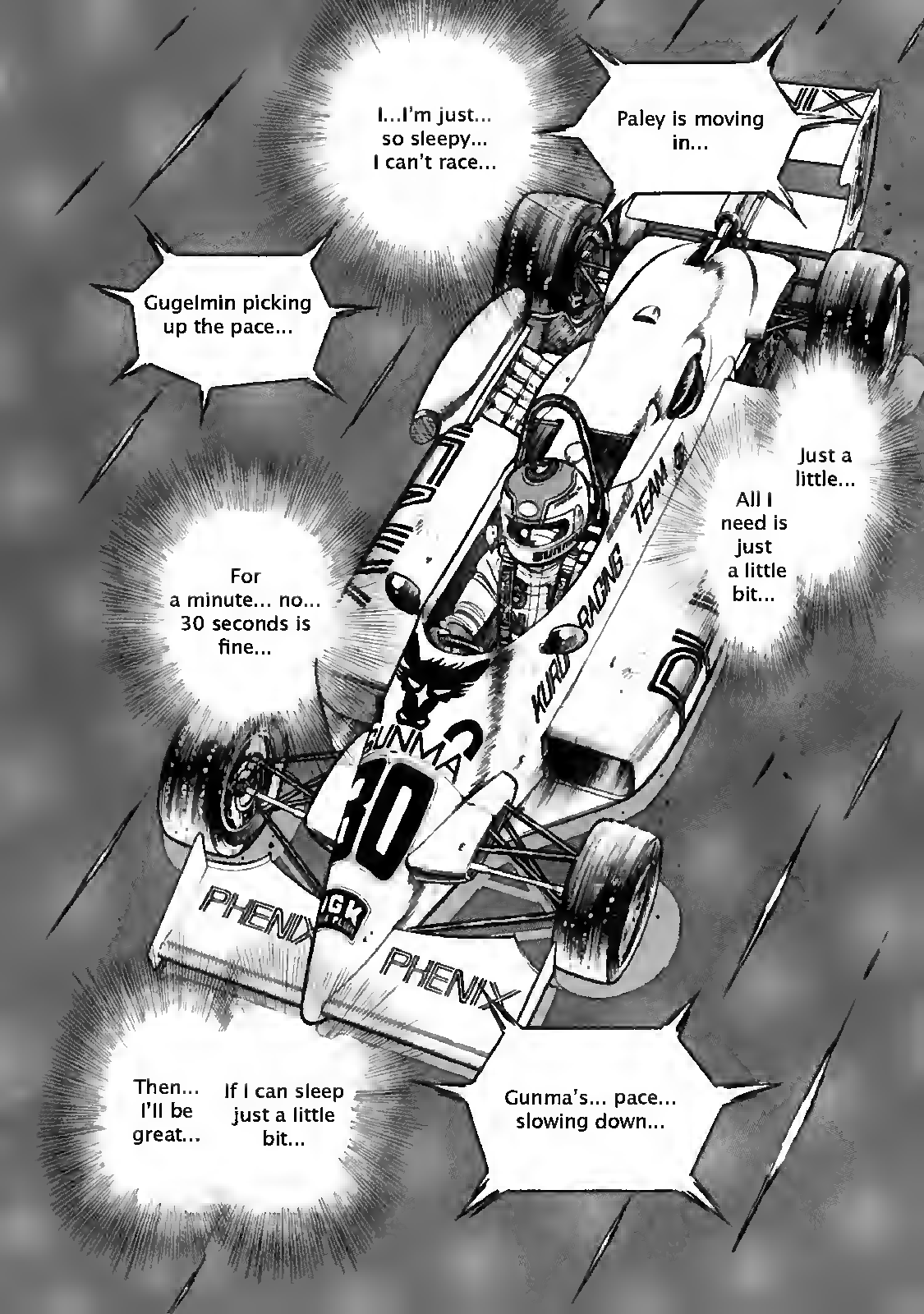
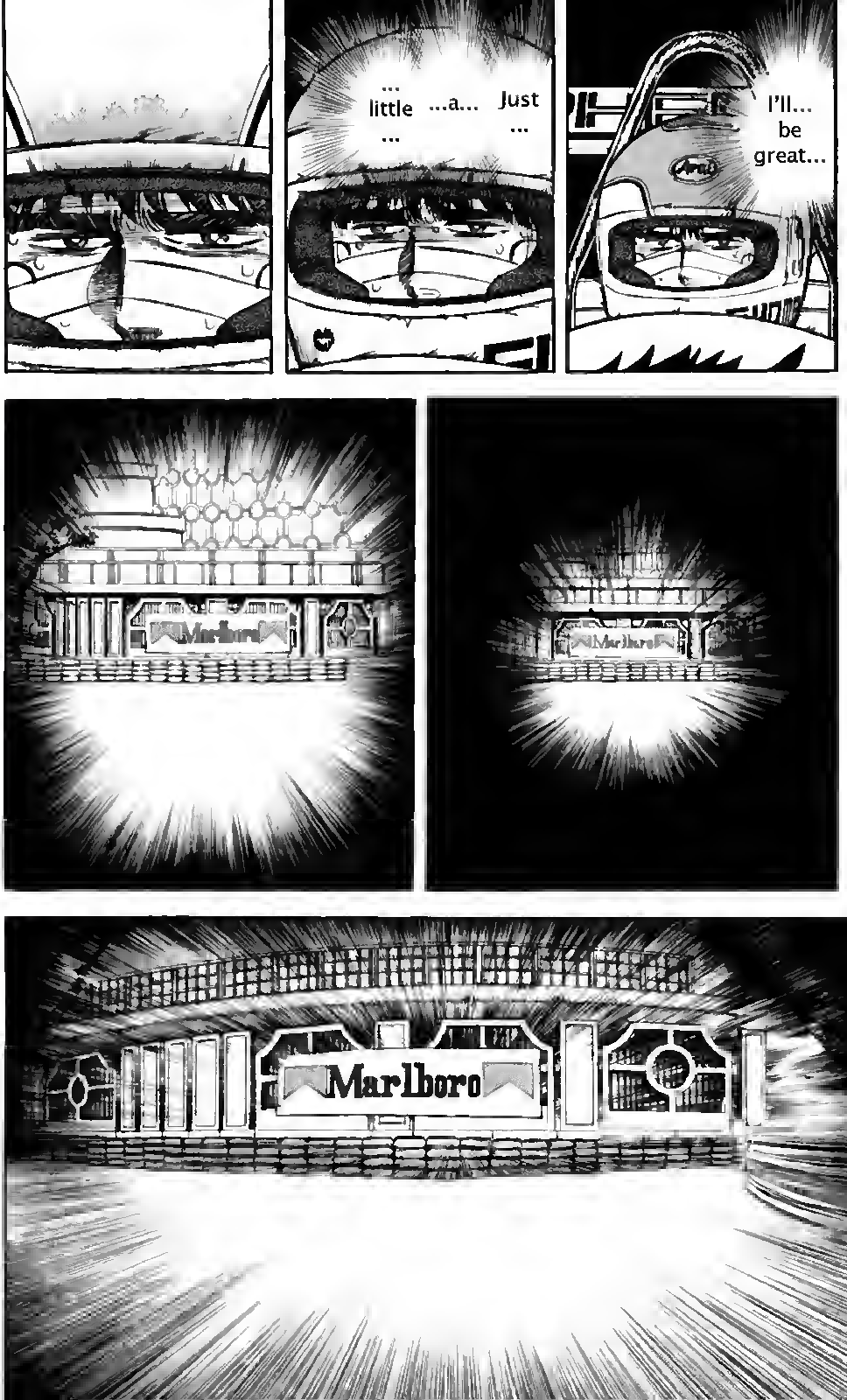
Chapter 11:
Fight in the Water

I can't really tell...
No, wait... it might be cold...
My whole body... is hot...
...which one...
VRRR
VROOOM
...keep going...
I just can't...
Being this tired...
But ...
...this sucks...
P1
L9
POP

Kuroi, something's wrong with Gunma!
His visor is too clouded!
Man, what's up with Yasu...?
He looks all pumped up.
I'm racing... right now...
It's supposed to be exci-ting...
Oh, yeah... This is a race.
Has Gunma Akagi slowed his pace!? No. 3 Paley in second and No. 5 Gugelmin in third are closing the gap!
ZOOOM


VROOOM
His acceleration hasn't been that great since entering the straight! Has he reached his limit!?
KURO RACING TEAM
PHOENIX
80
BRAAH
No. 3 Paley and No. 5 Gugelmin are rapidly closing the gap.


I...I'm just... so sleepy... I can't race...
Paley is moving in...
Gugelmin picking up the pace...
Just a little...
All I need is just a little bit...
For a minute... no... 30 seconds is fine...
GUNMA
30
KOJIMA RACING TEAM
PHENIX
PHENIX
Then... I'll be great...
If I can sleep just a little bit...
Gunma's... pace... slowing down...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little
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Just
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I'll...
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great...
Marlboro
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Marlboro

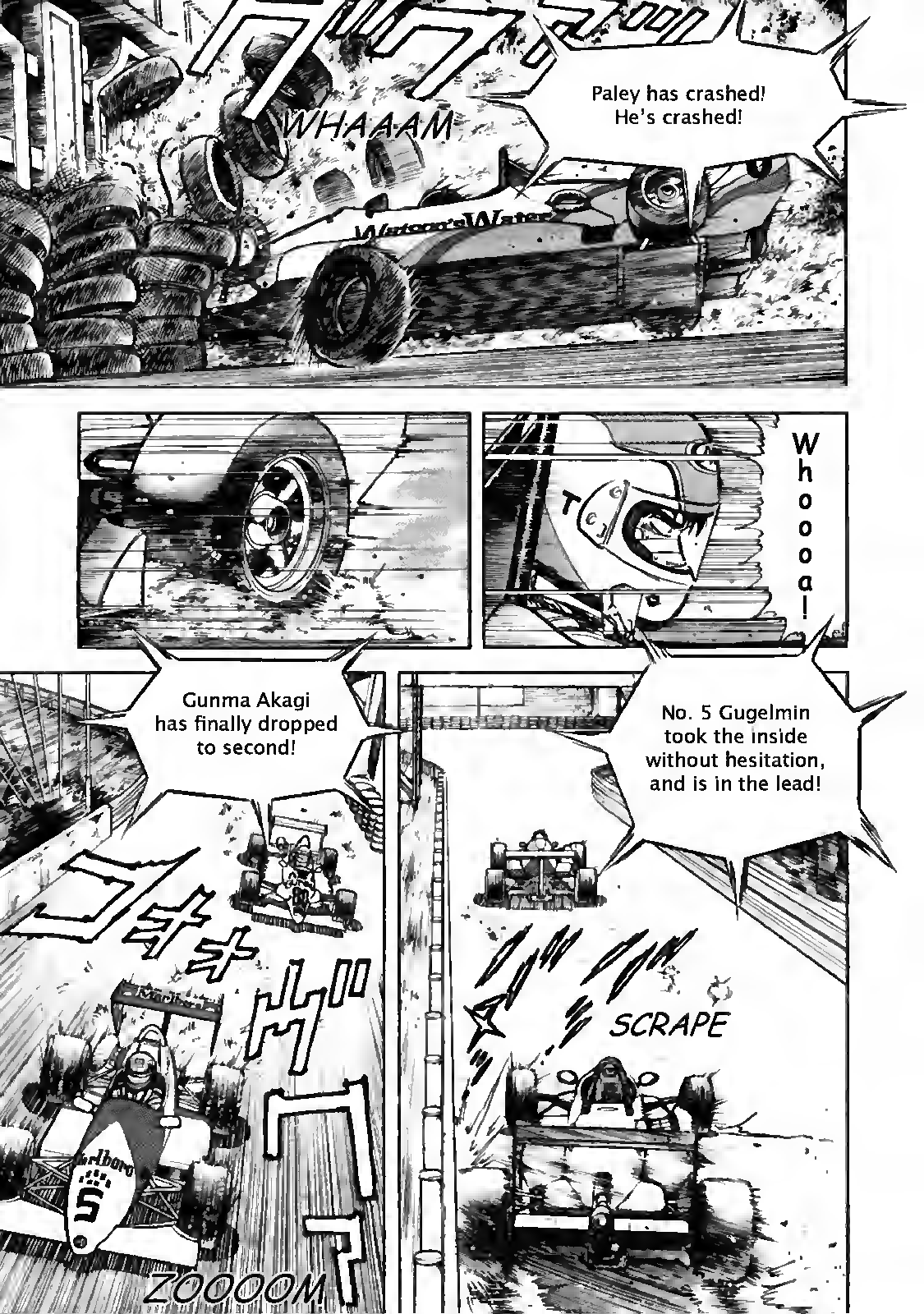
rlboro
ZOOOOOM

VRRROOOM
Marlboro
GUNMA
80
WatSon's
3
5
Ahh!
SLAM
What the hell was I thinkin'!?
What...
GUNMA
SCREECREECREECH

GUNMA
80
WatSon's
3
Ahh!
What the hell was I thinkin'!?
What...
GUNMA

VRRROOOM
SLAM
SCREECREECREECH

Whoa! Japanese racer Gunma has lost his grip braking on the Statue Corner (Lisboa Bend)!
SCREEECH
KURDI RACING TEAM
No. 80 Gunma Akagi has slid to the outside, blocking No. 3 Paley's line!
No. 3 Paley has nowhere to go!
WAOOOO!!
TOYOTA
KURDI RACING TEAM
PHENIX

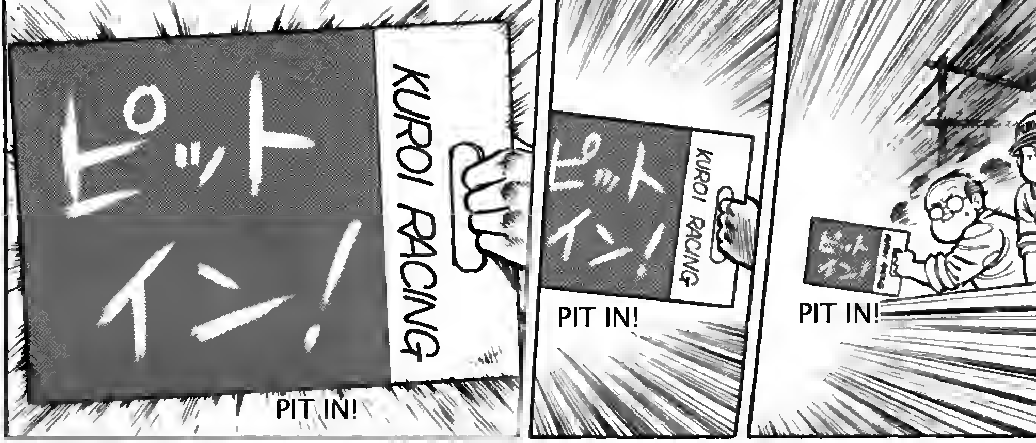

WHAAAM
Paley has crashed!
He's crashed!
Whoooa!
Gunma Akagi
has finally dropped
to second!
No. 5 Gugelmin
took the inside
without hesitation,
and is in the lead!
SCRAPE
ZOOOOM

No way!
What?
The intense pain might be starting to numb his body...
You think his injuries...
This isn't good. Gunma's totally exhausted!
CLICK
Mr. Kuroi!
...
What can we do!?
Make him pit in!
Yasu!
Mr. Kuroi...

...
We've been too soft on him!
Tamo-tsu...
...will never grow up strong.
A spoiled brat...
Japanese racer Gunma Akagi has fallen to third at the Maria Bend! Things aren't looking good for him!
Marlboro
V-ROOOM
PIT IN!
They're telling him to pit in!
Look, Dad. Gunma's signboard!

Right, Dad!?
Not even Gunma can overcome his limitations.
No way he could finish a race in that condition.
I knew he was at his limit.
It's like I'm underwater...
Dammit!
It's like I'm being dragged along by a giant rubber band!
I can barely see the scenery, and it's going by too fast...
All the nerves in my body are trying to shut off all feeling.

I'm...
...scared.
SHOOOOOM
Stop draggin' me along.
No... Stop!
Let...
Let go of the accele-rator...
Brake... Step on the brakes...
Stop it!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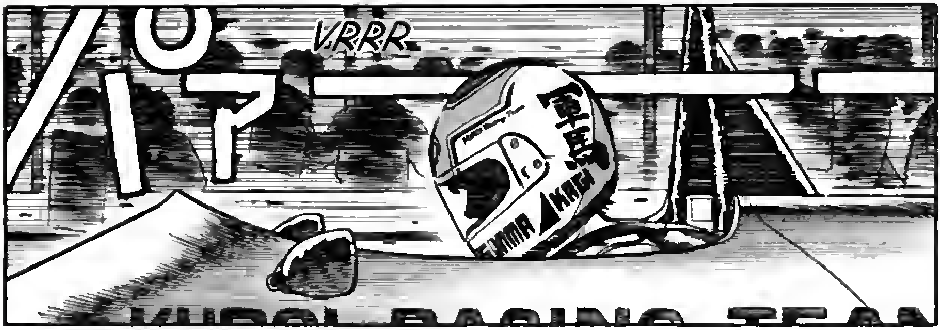
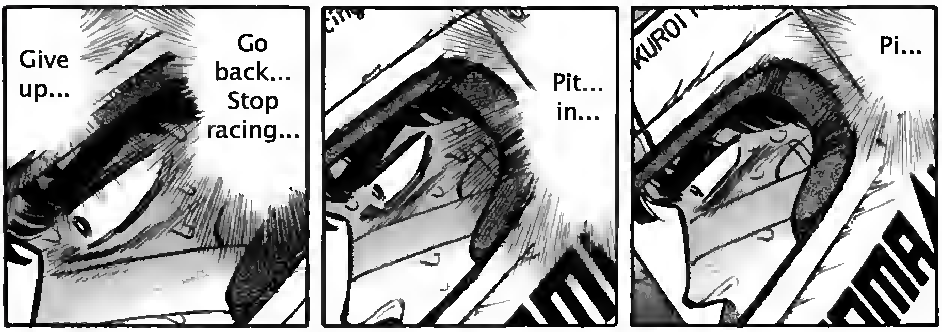

VRRR


Give up...
Go back... Stop racing...
Pit... in...
KUROI
Pi...

Stop... racing!?
I shouldn't race any-more...?
I don't have to race any-more...
Are you tellin' me to stop racing!?

...not to race!?
Arai HELMET
Are you tellin' me...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

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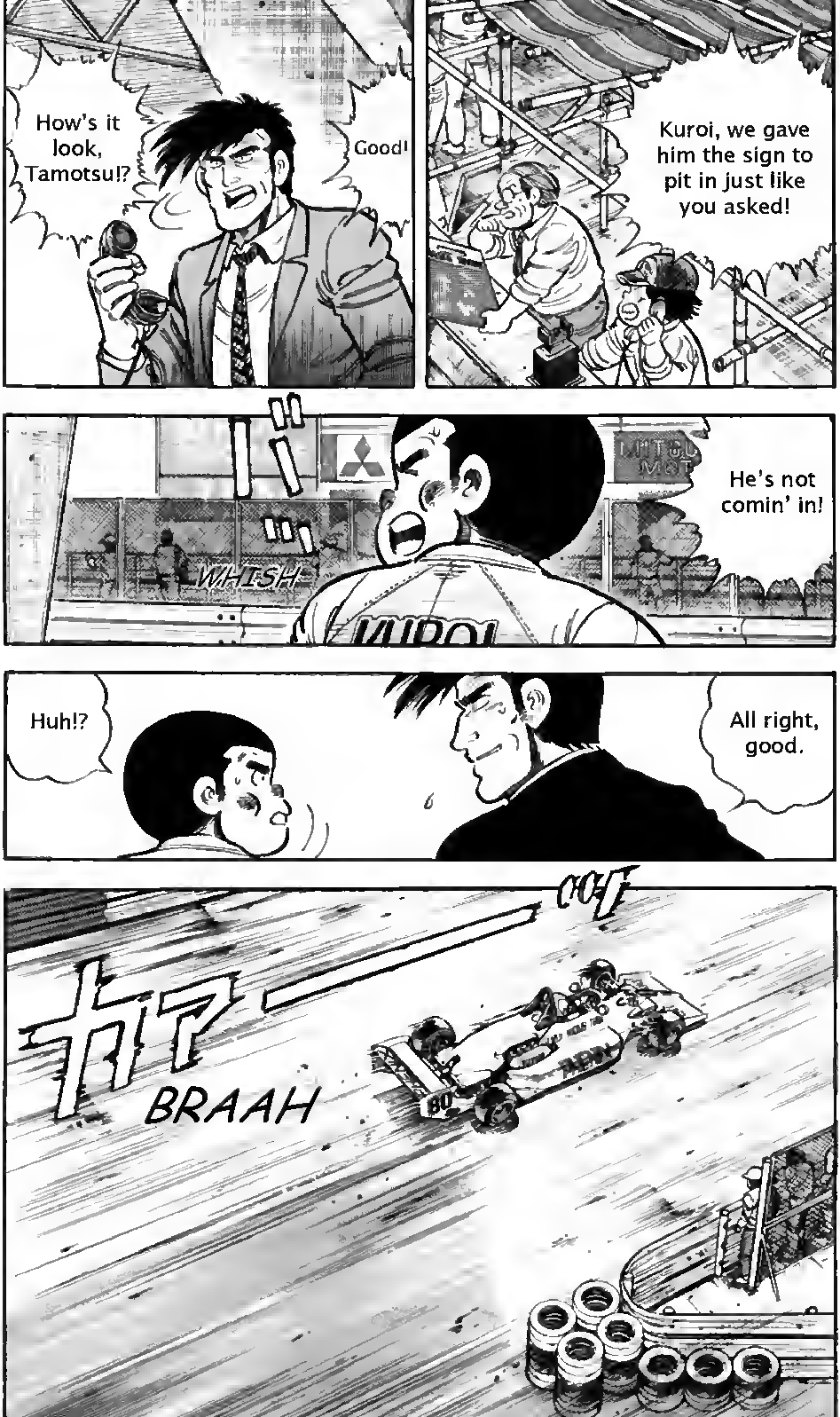
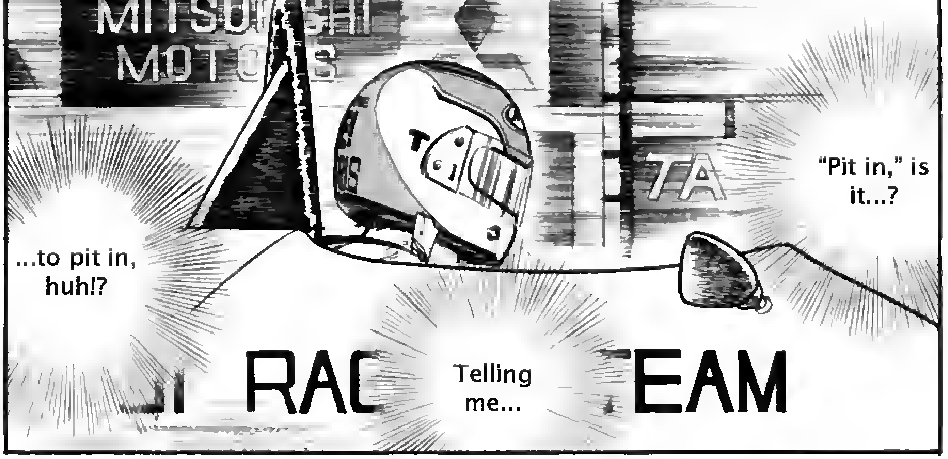
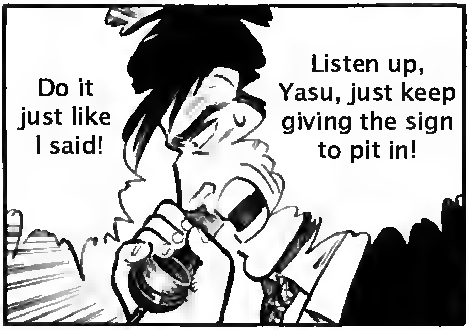
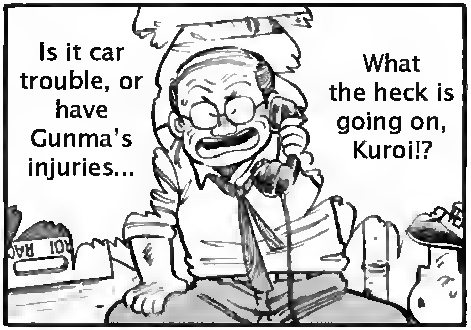
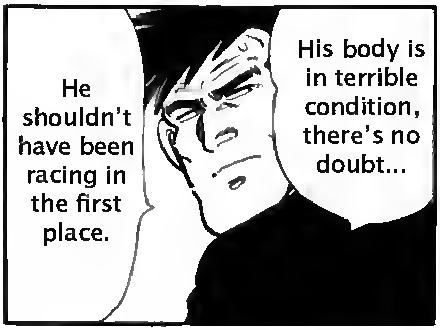
Field of Honor


How's it look, Tamotsu!?
Good!
Kuroi, we gave him the sign to pit in just like you asked!
WHISH
He's not comin' in!
Huh!?
All right, good.
OOF
BRAAH


...to pit in, huh!?
"Pit in," is it...?
Telling me...


Do it just like I said!
Listen up, Yasu, just keep giving the sign to pit in!


Is it car trouble, or have Gunma's injuries...
What the heck is going on, Kuroi!?


He shouldn't have been racing in the first place.
His body is in terrible condition, there's no doubt...

Mr. Kuroi... Don't tell me... you...

He must be running out of stamina too, let alone willpower.
But he's raced over 10 laps with world champs on his tail. He should be feeling a lot of pressure.
The only reason he managed to race so far is willpower.

An incredible fear... The fact that his position is dropping is proof of that.
...he should be feeling fear for the first time in his life.
That's why I gave him the sign to pit in.
Continuing to race in this state...
He's at his limit. It's too dangerous.
VRRR
Angry...?
You know what Gunma's like. You knew if he saw that sign it would just make him angry...
You're lying...!
The only thing that can conquer fear is anger!
VROOOOM
POP
POP
POP
If he gets angry, let him!
Heh heh heh... Angry, is it?
That'll mean he's still got the energy left to get angry.
KUROI RACING TEAM

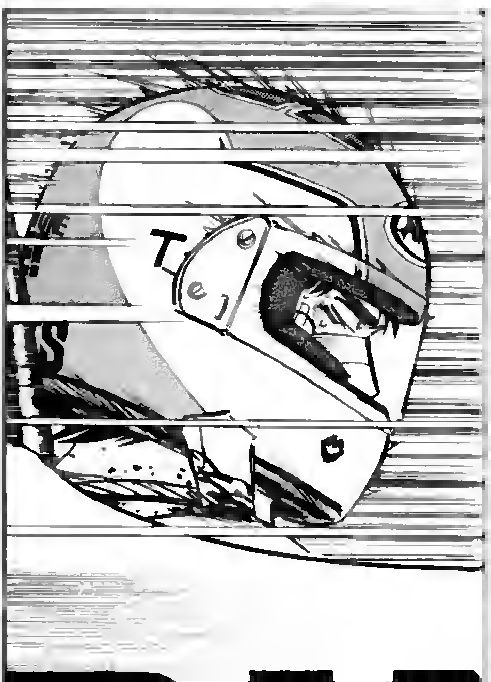
Hmph!
VRRRR
KURDI RACING
ピットイン!
PIT IN!
They think I'm some kinda wimp!
Grrr... Still giving me the pit in sign, huh?
No...
SQUEEZE
YANK
STOMP
...and I mean nobody...
ZOOM
Nobody...
SPIRITS

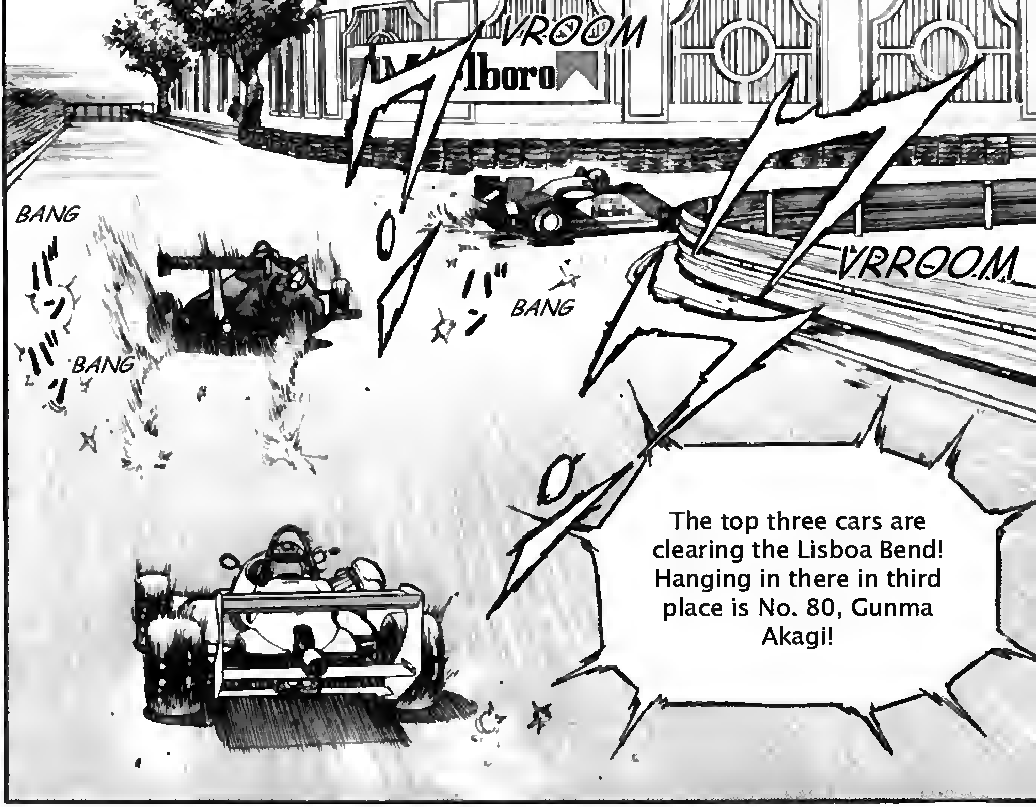
ZOOOOOM
...is gonna stop me!
BRAAAHHH
SPIRITS

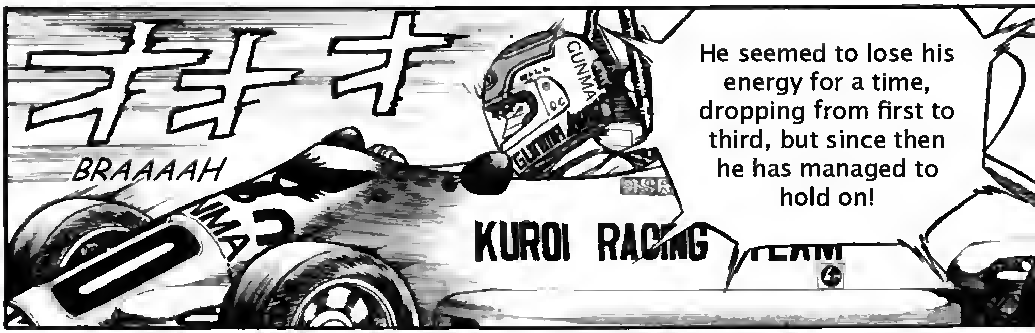
When is Gunma planning to pit in!?
What is going on now...?
It looks like he doesn't intend...
...to return to the pit, Dad.
...
What!?
Still, somewhere in my heart...
...I wanted Gunma to forfeit the race.
Well... I knew that from the beginning, of course.
He really is an incredible man...
That's why I came all the way to Macau.
Yuma. You don't look very well.

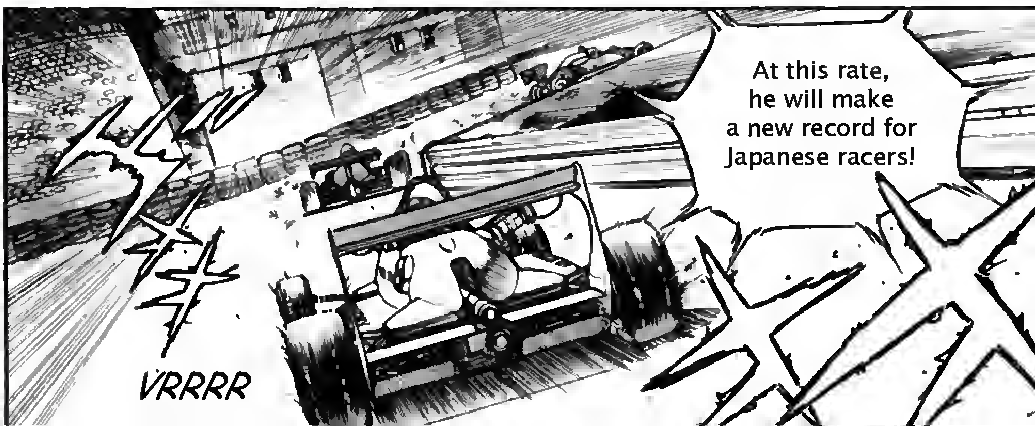
VROOOM
...I'll have to make my decision too.
Alright, Gunma. If you're gonna keep racing like this...
Make my decision, and live with it!
And then...

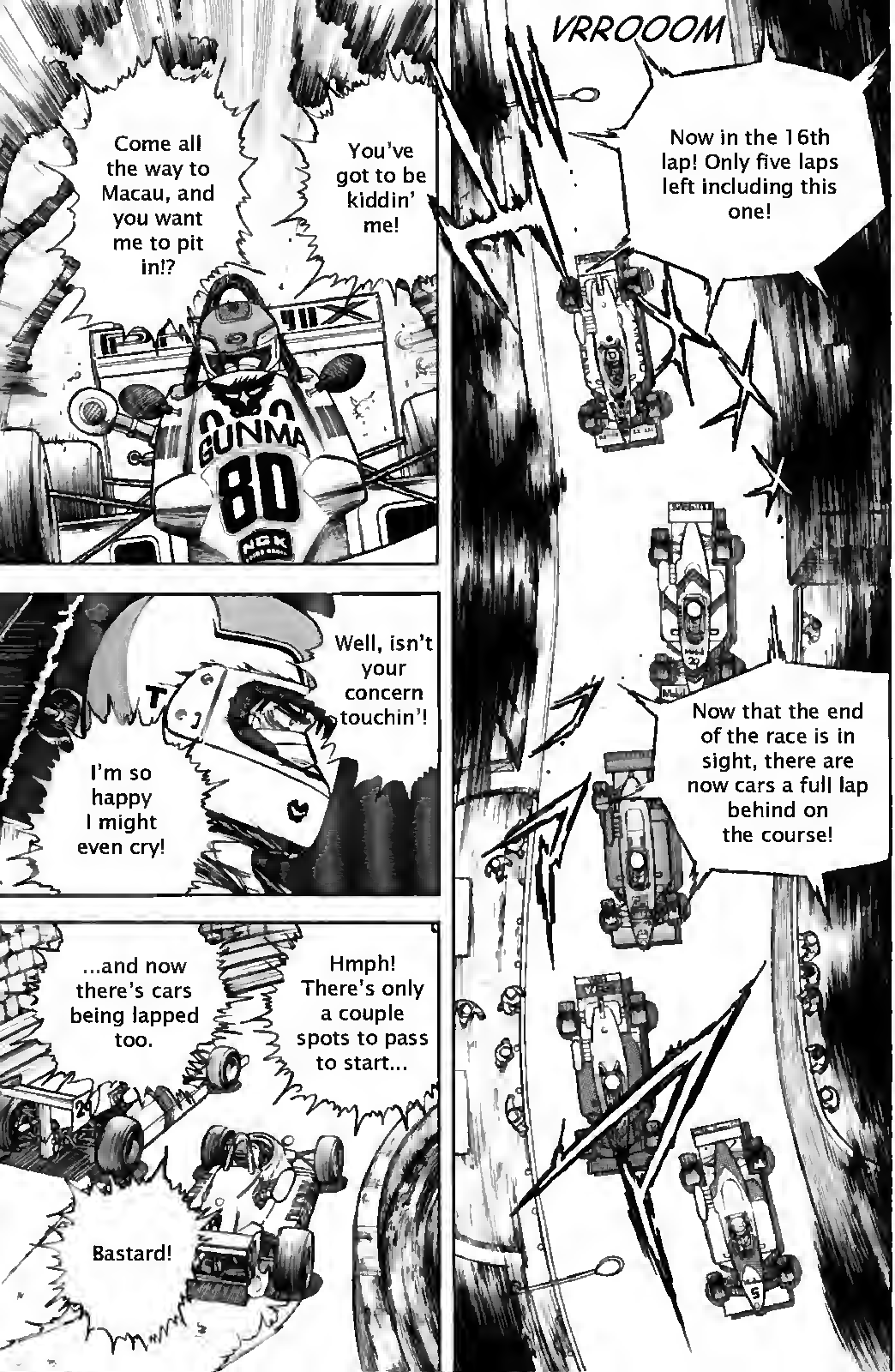
I'll even surpass you!

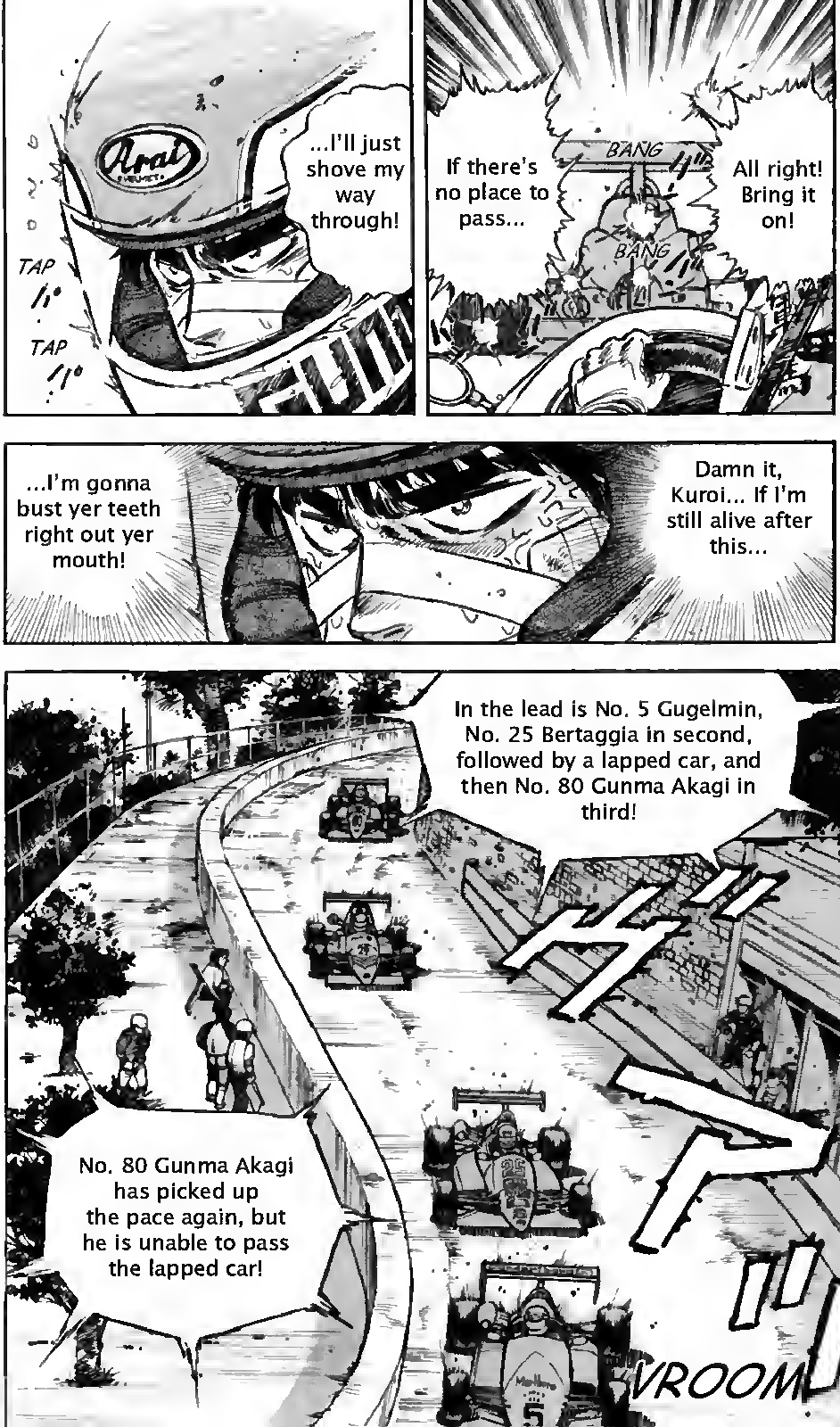



VROOM
Alboro
BANG
BANG
BANG
VRROOM
The top three cars are clearing the Lisboa Bend! Hanging in there in third place is No. 80, Gunma Akagi!


BRAAAAH
GUNMA
KUROI RACING
He seemed to lose his energy for a time, dropping from first to third, but since then he has managed to hold on!

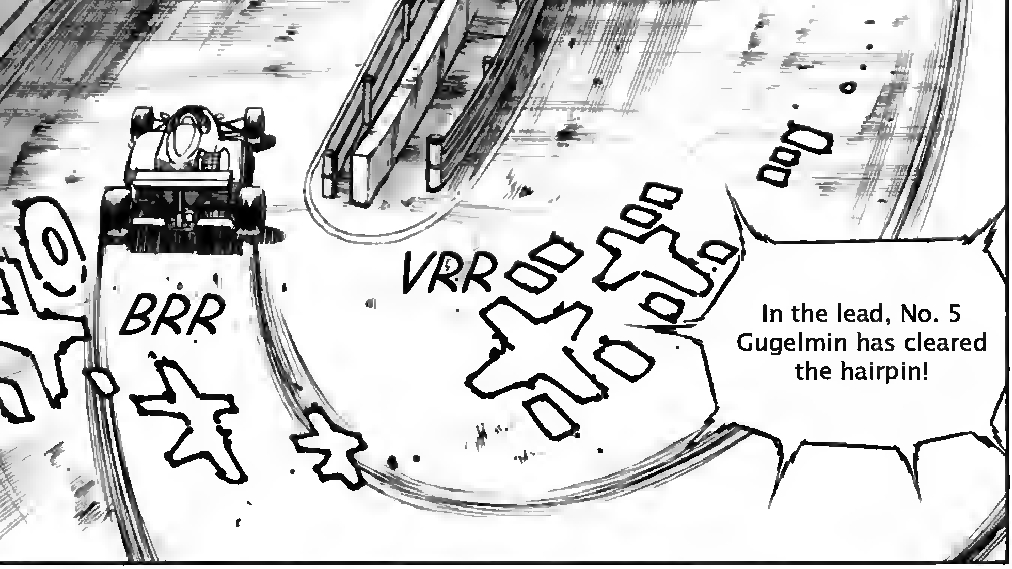

VRRRR
At this rate, he will make a new record for Japanese racers!

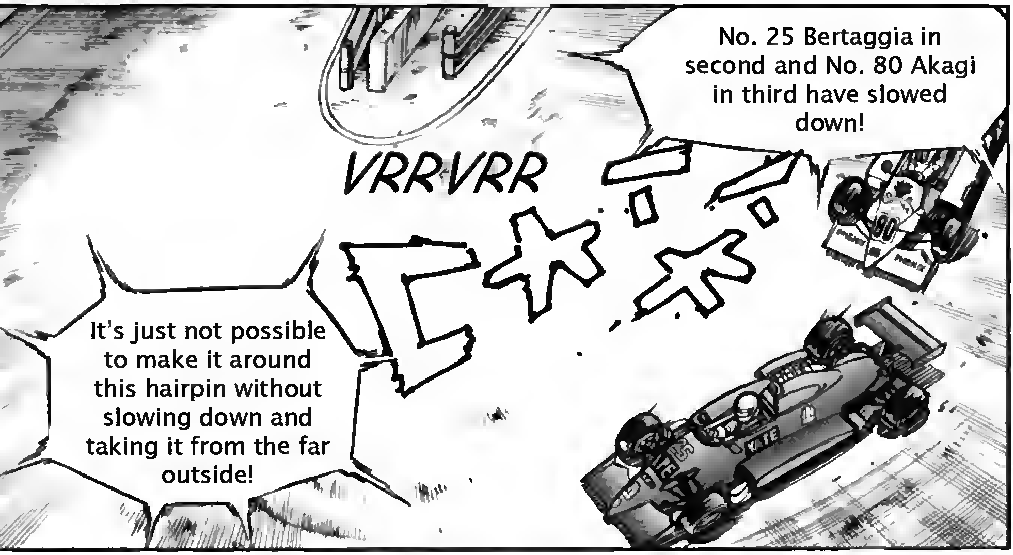

Come all the way to Macau, and you want me to pit in!?
You've got to be kiddin' me!
GUNMA
80
NGK
Well, isn't your concern touchin'!
I'm so happy I might even cry!
...and now there's cars being lapped too.
Hmph! There's only a couple spots to pass to start...
Bastard!
VRROOOM
Now in the 16th lap! Only five laps left including this one!
Now that the end of the race is in sight, there are now cars a full lap behind on the course!

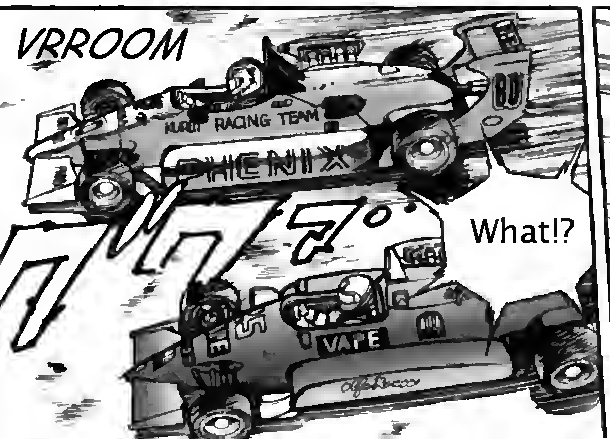

...I'll just shove my way through!
TAP
TAP
If there's no place to pass...
BANG
BANG
All right! Bring it on!
...I'm gonna bust yer teeth right out yer mouth!
Damn it, Kuroi... If I'm still alive after this...
In the lead is No. 5 Gugelmin, No. 25 Bertaggia in second, followed by a lapped car, and then No. 80 Gunma Akagi in third!
No. 80 Gunma Akagi has picked up the pace again, but he is unable to pass the lapped car!
VROOM

* Used to signal lapped cars to allow the car behind to pass.

SCREETCH!
Aaaahhhh!
SCREECH!
Wow! The lapped car has slammed into the fence!
SQUEEZE
Nobody gets in front of me...
What an exciting race by Japanese racer Gunma!
VROOM


BRR
VRR
In the lead, No. 5 Gugelmin has cleared the hairpin!


No. 25 Bertaggia in second and No. 80 Akagi in third have slowed down!
VRRVRR
It's just not possible to make it around this hairpin without slowing down and taking it from the far outside!


VRROOM
What!?

Goin–
gin!

VRRR
Whoa! What a reckless move! No. 80 Gunma Akagi has forced his way to the inside! He's not gonna make the turn like this!
KUROI RACING TEAM
80
The two cars are going to meet!
You god-damn idiot!
BERTAGGIA
Heh ...
SCREEECH

THUD
Whoooaaa!
SCREEECH
Oh, it's a crash, they've crashed! Bertaggia has slammed into Gunma Akagi's rear!

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